



## Sent Forth "to the end of the earth"

**T**he entire missionary sense of John's Gospel is expressed in the "priestly prayer":

"This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3).

**T**he ultimate purpose of mission is to enable people to share in the communion which exists between the Father and the Son. The disciples are to live in unity with one another, remaining in the Father and the Son, so that the world may know and believe (cf. Jn 17:21-23).

**T**his is a very important missionary text. It makes us understand that we are missionaries above all because of what we are as a Church whose innermost life is unity in love, even before we become missionaries in word or deed.