

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

“And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.”

- Mark 1:16-20

HEAR

To Hear Jesus’ Call to Be His Disciple

The symbol of the boat represents the first stage in becoming a missionary disciple. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus invites individuals to be his disciples: *“Follow me.”* The symbol of the boat reminds us that Jesus comes to us wherever we are in life and calls us each by name to follow him and enter a new way of life.

GIVE

To Give our entire life over to Jesus as His Disciple

The symbol of the net represents the second stage in becoming a missionary disciple. The Gospel of Mark says, *“they abandoned their nets and followed him.”* The symbol of the net reminds us that being a disciple means dropping our nets--leaving behind our former self and making a deliberate decision to surrender the whole of our life to Jesus and to walk with Him.

GO

To Go and make disciples of Jesus

The symbol of the fish represents the third stage in becoming a missionary disciple. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus promises, *“I will make you fishers of men.”* The symbol of the fish reminds us that we are sent into the world to make disciples of Jesus.