



United Independent Catholic Church

Office of the Presiding Bishop

Dear Friends,

We now celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, or what is known as the Feast of the Three Kings. As we all know - - or should know - - is that we are on a journey. We might not see our life as such, but it is true. The most important aspect of the journey is not the end goal, but the journey itself.

The Three Kings began their journey to see what the star was pointing to. Can you imagine their surprise when their journey directed them to a baby lying in a manger in a cave? No one knows why they would give the Child embalming liquids on the occasion of His birth. But, it was not the end of the journey that was important. What they saw, learned, heard, hoped, prayed, and experienced prepared them for what they saw. It was the journey that gave the Three Kings the ability to give the Christ Child the gifts to reveal who He was and what this Child was about. The journey prepared them to recognize that this Child would be the salvation of a world that was in desperate need of God's tangible Presence. When they beheld the Child, they knew that their journey would never be complete. They knew that their journey would take them other places to spread the news of hope about a Child born into poverty who would one day save them all.

What about our journey? Do we go kicking and screaming, or do we see the journey as a way to grow and see the world as God sees it? Are we willing to grab at the wonder of what we experience and take it with us, or do we only see a tangible goal that is all important? What we learn on our journey really depends on us. The Three Kings were open to gain all the wonders of the journey, and when they met the Christ Child, they knew who He was. Every day is a journey. What do you seek and why? What have you learned and experienced along the way? What is your goal? Look deep and in time you will come to see that it is the journey that counts....not the destination.

Sincerely,

Bishop Jerry