

AUGUST 17, 2019
Saturday of the 19th Week in OT
Mt. 19: 13-15

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

Children are children. Sometimes we don't understand them, sometimes we are annoyed by their noisy behavior and irritable attitude. But in our gospel for today, Jesus Christ teaches us, how we must respond to children's innocence and simple attitude. Jewish parents brought their children to Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They recognized the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' special touch and compassion to people. Jesus reprimanded his own disciple for hindering these children to come to him. Maybe His disciples wanted Him not to be disturbed and shield Him from the noisy children. But Jesus showed to His disciples that no one is unimportant to God. Everyone is welcome.

My brothers and sisters, we are all called to bring ourselves, other people to Him. He is always willing to welcome us and He is always on our side. So, don't be an obstacle, and hindrance for others to come to Jesus. Let us ask the intercession of Our Lady that we may be catching people and bring them closer to God and to the Church.