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Fishers of Men

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A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald for January 22, 2012 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17b)

You ask me how I know his call,
his voice speaks not today;
his feet no longer walk the shores
or hills or our highways.

I hear him in the seagulls' cry
as they soar serenely free.
I hear him, too, in winds that flee
chasing breezes out to sea.

The waves repeat and echo,
“I’ll make you fishers of men.”
But I’m not ready, or I forget,
yes, sometimes fear to drop my net.

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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And when I see the pelican
plunge deep into the sea,
I sometimes feel the sea's my soul
where Christ is meeting me.

"Come, follow me, be not afraid,"
his gentle urgings say,
and all I hear and all I see
says, "come now, don't delay."

He haunts me and he hunts me;
I see him everywhere.
In each sunrise, in each dawning
I see him even there.

The palms that wave their branches
are beckoning to me.
The shores bear his firm footprints
to lead me purposefully.

Each sunset bears his signature,
The slipping sun's each ray
writes, "with love from God;
I love you much;
come follow in My Way."

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Gia January 19, 2012 at 9:34 am



This poem continues to touch my heart!! Thanks for sharing...I think you wrote this for me, you know!!!

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Gia January 19, 2012 at 9:36 am



Almost like The Hound of Heaven poem...love your eloquence!!

REPLY

Sr Juliemarie McDonald January 19, 2012 at 10:55 am



Gia, I wrote this one for the vocation director down in Florida, that's why it has that Floridian flavor. I am so glad that it touched your heart. The eloquence comes from the Holy Spirit you know.

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Gia Turella January 22, 2012 at 5:41 pm



...and He is doing wonders in your life to proclaim the goodness of the Lord!!! Love you much!!!

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