



## *Essential Evangelization*

### *Jump In!*

Third Sunday of Easter and Jesus appears post-Resurrection for a third time for yet another amazing story of forgiveness and second chances! In this scene, the apostles are found on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius when Peter decides, "I am going fishing." Did you ever notice how easy it is for us to fall back into our old ways without a connection to the Lord? How easy it is for us too, to return to sinful ways after what we believe was an "unforgiveable" sin. You see Peter had denied Christ three times when the going got tough on that first Good Friday. Peter was likely hurting and confused, that initial bond was broken and Peter needed to get right with the Lord once more.

After another no fish all-nighter, the apostles see a "stranger" on the shore who tells them to try the starboard. You know the rest of the story – a whopper catch again! Well, Peter jumped in the lake, clothes and all, to greet his Master once again. And while cooking a bread and fish breakfast, Jesus asked Peter, paradoxically three times, "Do you love me?" Peter ungenerously responded three times, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." You see, Jesus knew Peter needed a second chance and He lead our first pope, in his first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Do you currently really love Jesus and have a personal relationship/connection to Him? Or do you have what you believe is an "unforgiveable" sin? The truth of the matter is that Our Lord is a God of Second Chances. In fact, the Bible tells us that the Lord is even a God of seventy times seven chances.

If you currently feel a "disconnect" with the Lord and it has it been awhile since you attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it's a great time to Jump In!

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