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August 3rd, 18th Sunday Ordinary Time. Matt 14: 13-21.

Reflection: "They all ate and were satisfied."

When, after a long day, the disciples wanted to send the crowds away to get their own food, Jesus challenged them to be generous and feed the people themselves. The story of the loaves and fishes then demonstrates the generosity of Jesus who is the model of how God wants us to live. He shared out so much that not only did the people have enough, there were leftovers. Jesus was pointing out that the disciples already had the resources to share with the rest. We can look at the way the resources of the world are being appropriated by a small number of people and corporations while a large number are hungry. We can look at the situation in Australia of the growing gap between the extremely wealthy and the homeless, the unemployed youth, rural and Aboriginal communities. We have the resources. We need to be generous in sharing them so that all will be satisfied. We need an ethic of enough.

Fact File: The OECD reported recently that over the last 15 years the income share of those Australians at the bottom and in middle fell and those at the top rose. <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/> (Page 9)

Learn More: Australian Council of Social Security. <http://acoss.org.au/>

Take Action: Support the St Vincent de Paul Society's call to the Australian Government to work with them in designing policy that is sustainable, inclusive and fair. <http://www.vinnies.org.au>



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