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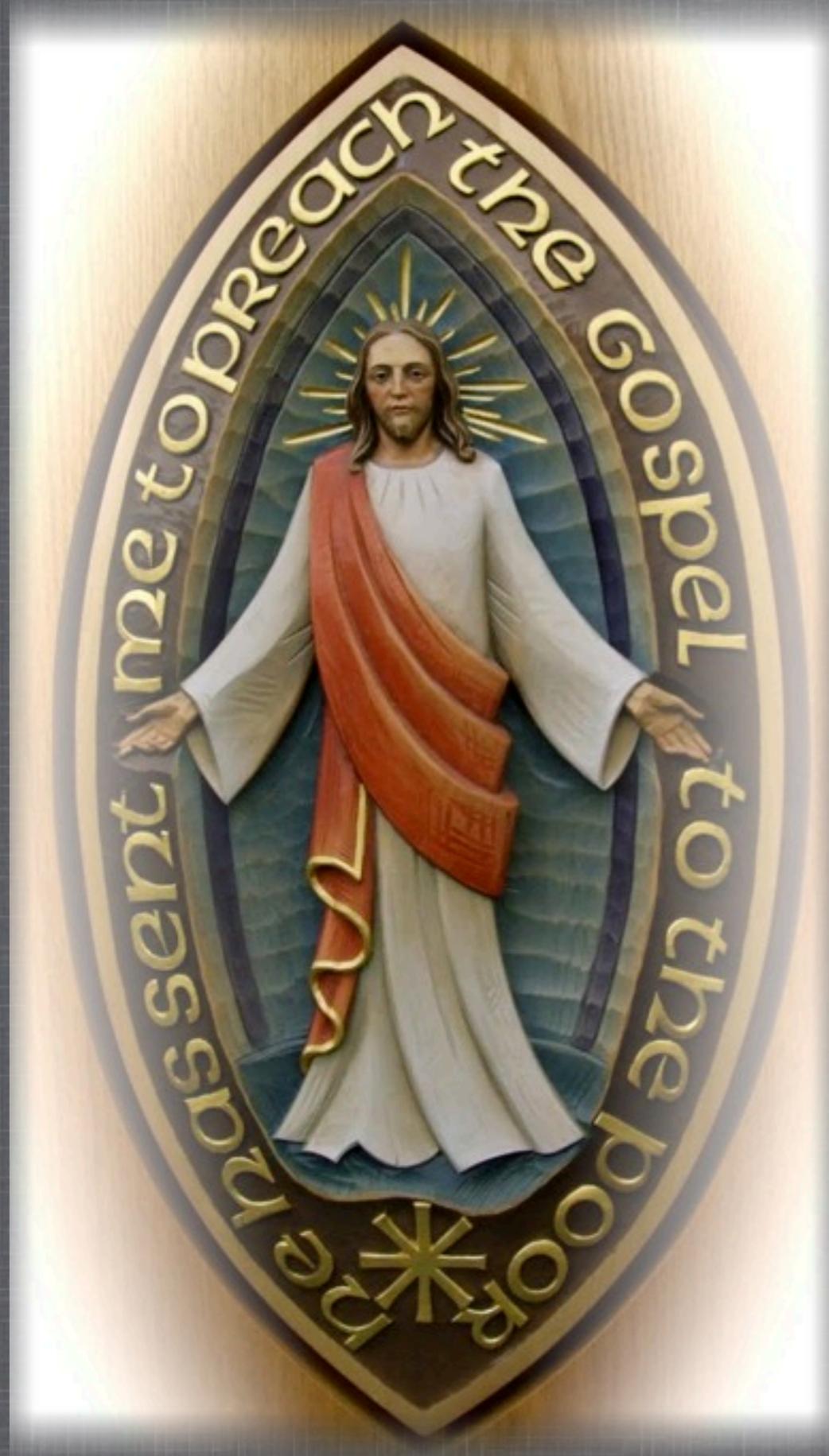
LOOK FORWARD and make ***RIGHT DECISIONS!***

TOPICS
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We have to look forward to the future and see some facts regarding our Province and the changing reality around us.

As provincial let me name a few of them:

We are getting older
and at the same time more of us
have some health problems.

In the history of our Province
our American Confreres
have helped all Confreres who came from Poland
in the enculturation process.

Because of this, Polish confreres were able
to adapt to the new situation and pastoral work in
our parishes.

We are so grateful for this help.

In the future
we will have less American confreres,
so my question is

who will help new Confreres
who will come to serve in our province from
Poland in this enculturation process?

We live and serve in the United States.
The New England Province
is an American Province
which is a part of NCV
(National Conference of Visitors in the United States).

In 1975
when there were more American Confreres,
we were called “the Polish Province”.

Today there are more Polish Confreres
but we are called “the American Province”.

Isn't that strange?

At one time, American Confreres took leadership positions in our Province.

Polish confreres were responsible for pastoral work.

When they became pastors, they worked under the umbrella of a diocese.

When they needed help, they just turned to different departments in the diocese where they worked

(Building Department, Law Department, Personnel Office, Financial Department etc.).

Due to lack of local vocations in America, Confreres from Poland will be responsible for the leadership of our Province.

How can we prepare ourselves for these responsibilities?

How can the American Province be governed by foreigners?

**Our main mission is
to serve Polish American parishes.**

**How do we recognize and reevaluate
our care for Polonia
in this changing situation in Poland,
Brooklyn and the New England Region?**

**WHAT ARE
YOUR CONCERNS
REGARDING
OUR PROVINCE?**



St. Vincent de Paul,

Pray for us!