

Lenten Reflection

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To go from today's Old Testament reading of Leviticus, "*YOU SHALT NOT...*" to the New Testament passage from Matthew, "*YOU GAVE ME...*" you experience a radical transformation. In Matthew, Jesus invites us to an Era of Change! Somewhat like Pope Francis keeps striving to do through Jubilees. The Year of Consecrated Life: *WAKE UP THE WORLD* and now the Year of Mercy: *MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER*. Through these many, many years of invitations, we are called to personal and communal transformation. We are called to be an Era of Change.

I hear this call to radical transformation:

In our community Mission Statement: "...We commit ourselves to co-create a world of compassion, justice and peace..."

In our Vision Statement: "...We strive for right relationships with all...we courageously risk being marginalized...we will generously share even in the midst of scarcity..."

As we mature as Christians, we evolve from "thou shalt not..." to "you gave me..." From the Commandments Moses gave us to the Word made Flesh among us. As a community we are striving to evolve together, giving to a suffering world what it most longs for "*YOU GAVE ME...*"