Labourers in the Harvest

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to tell the people in the towns that He is coming, and to heal the sick. He tells them that they should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Jesus compares the souls of the people to a harvest. He needs people who will go out into the world and gather the souls for Him, and tells the people that they should pray that God will send out these labourers. Do you know who these people are? They are the priests and other missionaries who work to bring people to Jesus.

Do you think that God might be calling you to be a labourer in the harvest of souls? Pray every day that you will know how you can best serve God. Also pray that God will send many holy priests and missionaries into the world.

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Saint Nicholas Pieck
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Nicholas Pieck was born to a strong Catholic family in Holland in 1534. His father had fought against the Calvinist heresy.

He also fought heresy everywhere he preached. Jesus said, "This is My Body so we believe it."

Fr. Nicholas was humble, happy and friendly, so many people liked him.

When the town was taken over by the Calvinist heretics, they threw the priests and monks in a dungeon. This will teach them a lesson!

When Nicholas and the others would not deny the pope and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist they were hung from the rafters and killed.

Saint Nicholas Pieck was a friendly and happy man. He brought people back to God and the Church by telling them the truth and by being kind. You can help people become closer to God by being nice to them too, but never give up telling them the truth, no matter what!

Match-Up Puzzle:
Jesus Sends out the 72 Disciples

Jesus gave the seventy-two disciples some instructions as He sent them out to the towns. Can you find the right words to finish the phrases?

1. Go your way; behold, I send you out as •
   - road

2. in the midst of •
   - wolves

3. Carry no purse, no bag, no •
   - sandals

4. and salute no one on the •
   - you

5. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this •
   - wages

6. And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to •
   - lambs

7. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his •
   - house