

## To See

As the boat was being readied for its hoist to the trailer, spectators gathered to look on. A father cradling his young son peered down over the edge of the wharf toward the boat and exclaimed, "Look at the school of fish! For a moment, all eyes were diverted from the nautical endeavours to the watery depth in search of fish. Those perched on the jetty, some 17 feet higher, marvelled at the number of fish within the "herring ball," while others, like myself were unable to see the swimming mass of fish.

I was reminded of how the disciples must have felt when Jesus requested that they put down a net on the starboard side of the boat to seize a catch of fish. From their vantage point they saw nothing, while Jesus from his perspective saw the school of fish.

In many ways, our faith journey is one of recognizing both moments, those times when we act out of seeing and those times when we perceive nothing yet forge ahead. As Christian people, we are continually challenged to discern the movements of God and like Peter, proclaim to the world that "It is the Lord!" Alleluia.

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