

Mandatum (Washing of Feet)

The washing of feet, the *Mandatum*, is a powerful sign of what it means to be the Church. It makes visible our identity as a servant people, formed by Christ who knelt and washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. This is not simply a ritual we repeat, but a lived expression of the Gospel's call to humility and service.

The Mandatum calls all of us to a deeper humility—both those who wash the feet and those whose feet are washed. In that moment, we are reminded that no one is above another in the life of faith. We all stand before God as disciples in need of grace, and we are all called to serve one another in love. True greatness in the Christian life is not found in status or power, but in humble, self-giving service modeled on Jesus himself.