When trying to speak a foreign language, one sometimes tries to invent a word. This is sometimes successful but more frequently it does not work. So the title of this reflection is an invented word, SOFO. That stands for someone for others.

Our tradition gives us many examples of people who show generous love and service to others. On Saturday, we celebrated the birthday of Mary, the mother of God. Her life is a model of one who made room for Christ and throughout her life she showed that love to him and to others. The role of each disciple is to imitate Christ's selfless and generous love.

In John's Gospel, a disciple is one who brings others to Christ. I like that thought as we move into this year. Let us try to make our lives so infectious that others see us and want to know more about Christ. Let us live Jesus and make him known more by our words and deeds.

Live Jesus!
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