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Living Catholic in the 808: Jesus Has Gone Before Us

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There are times in our lives when we don't like to go first. I think children, on their first day of school, are more comfortable if they know a big brother or big sister is already at the school. Patients are uncertain when their doctor recommends they try an experimental medication. Most like to take something "tried and true" where the side effects and efficacy are known.

In Mark's Easter Gospel, the angel instructs the women to tell the disciples that the risen Jesus was going before them to Galilee. Galilee was home-base for the disciples, where the Lord first called them. I imagine the disciples were still reeling from the events of the past week. But Jesus had always gone before his disciples. In life, he went before them showing them what it means to live an authentic life in total obedience to the Father. In death, he went before his disciples. The Nicene Creed reminds us that Jesus "suffered death" and was buried. He gave his disciples an example of how to place their lives entirely and ultimately in the Father's hands. And now, Jesus goes before them to new and eternal life.

Think of any place or anything in your future that makes you fearful, anxious, confused, or unsettled. Know that Jesus has gone before you and is already there with his love and grace.