Within the duty of my office, there is the responsibility *to listen*. To listen and then take every thought captive in obedience to Christ.

Reflection - ***"Listening, hearing, living in the Word"***

In Jewish tradition, the commandment *"to listen"*is key and central.

**"Listen, O' Israel!"** is the first word Jesus would’ve learned; praying every morning. It is pronounced in the Shema prayer, recited at the beginning, and at the end. In the evening.

Moses shares this command to all the Israelites, as they prepare to enter the promised land. It is the word that goes forth, to all of us today, as [Logos](https://www.britannica.com/topic/logos).

The Word upon which all creation comes from, *coming into the world, as one sent. Coming near to you, as near as the words of your mouths, and the blood in your hearts.*

Pray brothers and sisters, protecting the sanctuary within, your own hearts…so that both you and I can hear the Word clearly, receive it truly, completely, acting on it totally.

*29 Jesus replied, “The first is this: ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! 30 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*