

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT

The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church Unique and Infinitely Valuable - The Human Person

62. Why do people often act in ways that undermine community?

Although a human being is social, he often acts a-socially: driven by selfishness, greed, or egotism, he leads other people astray, exploits and oppresses them, or else leaves them defenseless. True community, however, is a free association of human beings who want what is good for themselves and for others. An Individual cannot bring about this - Common Good; it can be attained only through combined efforts. It may be, for example, a sports stadium that can only be financed jointly or an orchestra that performs music only when many people contribute their talents.

63. What are human rights?

A human right is a claim on something that is owned us because of our nature as human persons. There can be no rights unless others are bound to respect them, and what binds them is law. So rights, duties, and law are interrelated. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (United Nations, 1948) is, Pope John Paul II says, "a real milestone on the path of the moral progress of humanity" (October 2, 1979).

64. Where do human rights come from?

Human rights are not an invention of legal scholars, nor are they an arbitrary agreement of well-meaning statesmen. Human rights, rather, are the primordial rights inscribed in human nature. Today they are recognized worldwide as fundamental basis for agreement concerning a life of freedom, dignity, and equality. They can be recognized by means of reason, and they are ultimately rooted in the dignity that man possesses because he is made in God's image and likeness. Therefore, these rights are universal; they are also independent of place and time. They are inviolable, because the dignity of human being on which they are founded is also inviolable. And they are inalienable, which means that no one can take these rights away from someone else (or has the power to grant or deny them). Human rights must therefore be acknowledged in their totality and be protected against ideological falsifications. All people, but especially Christians, must speak up when human rights violations become known or when certain human rights are (still) not recognized in some countries.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am concluded with
Benediction at 7:00 pm and Mass at 7:30 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP
Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 13:

5:00 pm +Pureza Bernales
+Noel Geniza
+Ana Lau
+Joseph N. MacKenzie
+Thevamanya Vallipuram
Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
Intention of Teresa MacNeil
In Thanksgiving of Jason Pereira

Sunday January 14:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am +Felicitas Villaraza

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday January 15:

9:00 am +Clement & Patrick Benedict

Tuesday January 16:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Wednesday January 17:

7:30 pm Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

Thursday January 18:

9:00 am +Benjamin Santos

Friday January 19:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Keane Tan

Saturday January 20:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

'VOCATION SEEDS'

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

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January 14, 2018

GETTING TO MASS ON TIME

NO EXCUSES: Pope Francis is stressing the importance of getting to Mass on time, noting that every piece is important, especially the opening Sign of the Cross. "The Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross, with these introductory rites, because we begin to adore God as a community," the Pope said Dec 20. "And for this reason, it is important to plan to not arrive late, but in advance, to prepare the heart for this rite, for this celebration of the community.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of January

Evangelization: Universal Minorities in Asia - That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM PRESENTS

Dr. Patricia Murphy - An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: **Why Your Matter Matters**

Saturday February 3, 2018

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

(includes Mass in the seminary Chapel)

Cost: \$50.00 (lunch included)

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Jesus said: "Whoever welcomes the child in my name, welcomes me." - Luke -

We are already in the year 2018. The year 2017 had just gone by and it gave us the satisfaction that came from serving our neighbor in need. All this was possible with the help of our parishioners.

We at SSVP would appreciate if you kindly continue helping us to help our neighbours in need.

God Bless

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

January 14

"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. AIDAN COUNCIL

invites you to their **Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance** on Saturday February 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are for \$25.00 per person and would be made available after all weekend Masses. Hope you will join us. For more information please see the flyer in the foyer.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 25, 2018

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "**Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power,**" is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, the Antilles Episcopal Conference, together with Mr. Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC).

Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, an unmistakable motif is the unrelenting determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own. The formation of such a people, united in a sacred covenant with God, is integral to the Lord's plan of salvation and to the glorification of His name. The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationship among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy. Reconciliation often demands repentance, reparation and healing of memories.

As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's presence before the world existed. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serve as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.

Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, like Israel, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.

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