

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT

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

68. How can human rights and the rights of peoples and nations be promoted?

Every day we see all sorts of violence: genocide, war and exile, hunger and exploitation. Children are recruited as soldiers and forced to kill. New forms of slavery have developed. Human trafficking, prostitution, and drugs have become an illegal billion-dollar business in which political forces and even governments are also involved. Christians must not insist on human rights only when it is a question of protecting their own; they must realize that they also have the task of defending and strengthening the fundamental rights of all people. This is why the Church has made it her duty in all places and on every occasion to see to it that human rights are universally accepted and upheld and, above all, to respect them within the Church herself.

Digression - The Person in Bioethics

69. What is bioethics about?

The word "bioethics" is formed from the Greek words bios (= life) and ethos (= custom, usage, good habit); it is a set of teachings about how to deal fairly with all living things. Bioethics, therefore, is not just environmental ethics, about the life of human beings, for the dignity of the human person is at stake and not only in genetic research or the question of euthanasia (=May someone kill himself or another human being who is suffering badly?). National Socialism coined the expression "life not worth living", and thereby the Nazis sought in a criminal way to make themselves master of life and death. A human being, however, is a person from the moment of conception; as a human being, he has a claim as all other human beings. No one has the right to deprive him of his God-given personal dignity. No one may violate the integrity of other human being: not for research purposes, not because someone is old, sick, demented, unborn, or disabled. The dignity of the person is the true foundation of human rights and the justification of the political order.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

Pray to know how God wants to use your talent and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 27:

5:00 pm +Celia Rosary
+Antonio Jasareno
+Regalado Dagdag
+Marcel Nikiema
Intention of Enid Boothe Family
Intention of Angelo Rodrigues
Birthday Blessings for Wendy Blanchard
In Thanksgiving of Noronha Family

Sunday January 28:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am Wedding Anniversary of Arulnesan & Elvin

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday January 29:

9:00 am +Noemi & Generoso Palma

Tuesday January 30:

9:00 am +Nazario Calingasan

Wednesday January 31:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Geniza Family

Thursday February 1:

9:00 am +Fred & Emelda Balasingham

Friday February 2:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Noemi & Generoso Palma

Saturday February 3:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

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

**Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you,
a heart to seek, wisdom to find you, conduct pleas-
ing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and hope of finally embracing you.**

- St. Thomas Aquinas -

January 28, 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.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

At the time of Holy Communion, when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession, you will bow your head, the minister of Holy Communion will say “**The Body of Christ**”, you will reply **Amen. It is important to note that the only appropriate response is Amen.** The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion. After saying **Amen**, you will consume the Sacred Host immediately. The Canadian Bishops have instructed that our common sign of reverence be a bow of the head.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEAST: FEBRUARY 2

Today, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today’s liturgy. Next Friday February 2nd, candles will be blessed at the beginning of the Mass.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATION

On Friday, February 2, 2018, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. We are blessed to have more than 900 religious men and women from about 100 different congregations serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. **Today, Sunday January 28, 2018, at St. Paul’s Basilica, 83 Power St., at 3 pm.,** Bishop Kirkpatrick will preside at the Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in the special celebration. **The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday February 11 at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave., North York).** A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

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“Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes!” - 1 Corinthians 16:8

The SVP is an organization that is continuously helping the needy.

Thank you all the parishioners who support the ‘Poor Box’.

For those who signed up for the Thunder & Lightning casserole, please remember to bring in your casserole. God bless you and your families.

HERE ARE THE LATEST CAMPAIGN NUMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH

| Date | Goal | Adjusted Pledged | % of Goal | Parish Share of adjusted Pledged | Collected so far | Collected Pledges | Parish Share of Collected |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Campaign Totals: January 2018 - \$105,000,000- \$171,000,000- 163% | | | | | \$95,459,248 | 56% | |
| St. Aidan’s: | January 2018 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 473,584 158% | \$203,463 | \$331,337 | 66% | \$81,778 |

Adjusted pledged = total pledged minus cancellations