

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT

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

Digression - The Person in Bioethics

70. Why must we take responsibility in bioethics?

In many questions in bioethics - for example: What value do sick, unborn, or elderly human beings have? - it is no longer merely a matter of private decisions by individuals. Many things are determined at the political level. New technologies - for instance, human embryo research and stem cell research - raise urgent new questions. Christians must become highly qualified in order to exercise their social responsibility and take an active part in shaping the humanitarian and social parameters in society. (Cf. DP 1.)

71. When does a human being start to be a person?

Some say that we can talk about a human person only after he is born. Others even dispute that and say: Someone is truly human only when he can think and decide. Still others define the beginning of the human person as the moment when the brain stem is formed or the moment when there is no more possibility of identical twinning. The Church rejects all these interpretations and says: Human life begins with the fusion of an ovum and a sperm cell. At the earliest moment of the embryonic stage after fertilization, the Church in accord with both science and common sense regards the life that has resulted as a complete human being already and as such endowed with the dignity that belongs to every human person. Respect for this dignity must also be shown to the unborn and to the weakest members of society.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
email: vocations@archtoronto.org
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APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of February

Universal: Say “No” to Corruption - That those who have materials, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 3:

5:00 pm +Esperance D’Souza
+Ferdinand Paul D’Souza
+Rosie Fernandes
Souls in Purgatory
Birthday Blessings for Ernie Patience
Intentions of Milan, Robert, and Barbara

Sunday February 4:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Angelo Family

10:30 am +Rosa Loong

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 5:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

Tuesday February 6:

9:00am 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gabriel & Edna

Wednesday February 7:

7:30 pm +Loreto & Amando Sr. Lanot

Thursday February 8:

9:00 am +Brian Brennan

Friday February 9:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganza

Saturday February 10:

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the Life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral caregivers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

February 4, 2018

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

MARRIAGE SUNDAY AT ST. AIDAN

St. Aidan Parish will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the **12 o'clock Mass on Sunday February 11, 2018.** All married couples will receive special blessing. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50 plus and 60 plus wedding anniversary will be honoured at Mass. “Milestone”: couples attending are required to register by calling Aggie Gomez at 416 292 5707 no latter than February 6th, 2018 OR register with CWL members in the foyer after Mass.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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“Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son’s sacrificial death on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.”
- (Colossians 1:20) -

As we progress through the year, we will keep you updated on our events. We would appreciate your support. Thank you and God Bless.

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
- Luke 11:9 -

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins writes:

As we prepare to enter a new liturgical year, once again I would invite your support of Marriage Sunday initiatives in 2018. In particular, on the weekend of February 10/11, 2018, I ask parishes to publicly acknowledge and affirm the sacrament of marriage and married couples in your community. I appreciate the many creative efforts that parishes have initiated over the past several years to make Marriage Sunday a special occasion to support marriage and family life.

In addition to local activities held on the weekend of February 10/11, 2018, I would like to announce a special archdiocesan gathering to be held on **Sunday February 11, 2018 at Blessed Trinity Parish in North York at 3:00 pm.** I extend an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2018 to join me for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness.

Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend as are any priests who would like to concelebrate. You may also wish to invite those involved in marriage preparation or other marriage ministries to be present as they play a critical role in strengthening this important sacrament. This public witness of fidelity offers both encouragement and inspiration to those married for many years as well a young couples and those preparing for marriage.

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

Love is the beauty of the soul.
- St. Augustine -

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