

From Your Pastor

“Charity in Truth” (*Caritas in Veritate*) ~ The Introduction to the Pope’s Encyclical, Part II

Two weeks ago, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated his third Encyclical to the Church. Entitled “Charity in Truth,” the Pope’s letter addresses the Church’s commitment to the development of the human person and of society. Continuing last week’s presentation, following are excerpts from the second half of the Introduction to the Encyclical.

“*Caritas in veritate*” [“charity in truth”] is the principle around which the Church’s social doctrine turns, a principle that takes on practical form in the criteria that govern moral action. I would like to consider two of these in particular, of special relevance to the commitment to development in an increasingly globalized society: justice and the common good.

First of all, justice. *Ubi societas, ibi ius*: every society draws up its own system of justice. Charity goes beyond justice, because to love is to give, to offer what is “mine” to the other; but it never lacks justice, which prompts us to give the other what is “his”, what is due to him by reason of his being or his acting. I cannot “give” what is mine to the other, without first giving him what pertains to him in justice. If we love others with charity, then first of all we are just towards them. Not only is justice not extraneous to charity, not only is it not an alternative or parallel path to charity: justice is inseparable from charity, and intrinsic to it. Justice is the primary way of charity or, in Paul VI’s words, “the minimum measure” of it, an integral part of the love “in deed and in truth” (1 Jn 3:18), to which Saint John exhorts us. On the one hand, charity demands justice: recognition and respect for the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. It strives to build the *earthly city* according to law and justice. On the other hand, charity transcends justice and completes it in the logic of giving and forgiving. The *earthly city* is promoted not merely by relationships of rights and duties, but to an even greater and more fundamental extent by relationships of gratuitousness, mercy and communion. Charity always manifests God’s love in human relationships as well, it gives theological and salvific value to all commitment for justice in the world.

Another important consideration is the common good. To love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of “all of us”, made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. It is a good that is sought not for its own sake, but for the people who belong to the social community and who can only really and effectively pursue their good within it. To desire the *common good* and strive towards it is a *requirement of justice and charity*. To take a stand for the common good is on the one hand to be solicitous for, and on the other hand to avail oneself of, that complex of institutions that give structure to the life of society, juridically, civilly, politically and culturally, making it the *pólis*, or “city”. The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity, in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the *pólis*. This is the institutional path — we might also call it the political path — of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbor directly, outside the institutional mediation of the *pólis*. When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have. Like all commitment to justice, it has a place within the testimony of divine charity that paves the way for eternity through temporal action. Man’s earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal *city of God*, which is the goal of the history of the human family. In an increasingly globalized society, the common good and the effort to obtain it cannot fail to assume the dimensions of the whole human family, that is to say, the community of peoples and nations, in such a way as to shape the *earthly city* in unity and peace, rendering it to some degree an anticipation and a prefiguration of the undivided *city of God*.



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayers Are Requested for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Sheila McHugh and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

Feast Of San Donato – The Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on August 1st will be celebrated in honor of San Donato. Father Antonio Nardoiani, OFM, the pastor of St. Leonard Parish in the North End of Boston, will celebrate and preach the Mass. **Please note that the Mass and Homily will be celebrated bilingually in Italian and English.** Following the Mass there will be a solemn procession of the statue of San Donato and light refreshments. Though Italian is not a first language for many of us, I hope that you will join us for this joyful occasion.

Msgr. Fay will celebrate the CatholicTV Mass on Tuesday, July 28 at 9:30 AM. The CatholicTV Center is behind St. Patrick's Church at 34 Chestnut Street in Watertown. You are very welcome to be present at the TV Mass. It is always nice to have a community from the parish. Please be at the TV Center by 9:10 AM on the morning of the Mass. You can call Patricia McShane if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER MUYIMBWA – Having completed his studies in Church Administration at Boston College, Father Paul Muyimbwa will be leaving us in August for another assignment in the Archdiocese to strengthen what he has learned. Please join us on August 8 to celebrate this milestone in Father Paul's life and to thank him for his service at St. Columbkille for the past two years. Father Paul will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM and there will be a reception at the rectory following in his honor.

Second Collection: This weekend the second collection will be taken up to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. These funds are used to spread the faith through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

A St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Bin is now located at the back of the school down by Leicester Street. All clothing donations will be accepted. Thank you for your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes in the church. The next meeting is July 28 at 7:00 pm.

St. Columbkille School has seats available in Grades K1 through 8. For more information call the school at 617-254-3110.

Healing Mass: Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 pm Fr. Agustin Anda will be celebrating a Mass for those who are sick and for those who wish to pray for the sick. The Mass will be in the upper church.

RCIA

Are you...

- * thinking about becoming Catholic?
- * a baptized adult who would like to receive First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- * someone who just wants to learn more about the Faith?

If so, please let us know! Call Patricia at the office and ask for Gregory Vozzo or leave a message.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, July 26, August 16 & 30 9:30am - Family Masses

Mondays, July 27, August 3 & 10, 7:00-8:30 pm – Catechism Classes for adults in the rectory

Mondays, August 3 & 17, 7:00-8:00 pm Choir rehearsal for the 9:30 Mass

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (July 18 – July 19): \$4,556

Catholic Appeal (to date): \$37,893

St. Vincent de Paul (July 18 – July 19): \$141.70

Thank You for Your Generosity

JULY 26, 2009

**From "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles"
(c. 1st Century)**

Celebrate the Eucharist as follows: Say over the cup: "we give you thanks, Father, for the holy vine of David, your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory forever."

Over the broken bread say: "we give you thanks, Father, for the life and the knowledge which you have revealed to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory forever. As this broken bread scattered on the mountains was gathered and became one, so too, may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. For glory and power are yours through Jesus Christ for ever."

Do not let anyone eat or drink of your Eucharist except those who have been baptized in the name of the Lord. For the statement of the Lord applies here also: Do not give to dogs what is holy.

When you finish the meal, offer thanks in this manner: "We thank you, holy Father, for your name which you enshrined in our hearts. We thank you for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you revealed to us through your servant Jesus. To you be glory forever. Almighty ruler, you created all things for the sake of your name; you gave men food and drink to enjoy so that they might give you thanks. Now you have favored us through Jesus your servant with spiritual food and drink as well as with eternal life. Above all we thank you because you are mighty. To you be glory forever.

"Remember, Lord, your Church and deliver her from all evil. Perfect her in your love; and, once she has been sanctified, gather her together from the four winds into the kingdom which you have prepared for her. For power and glory are yours forever.

"May grace come and this world pass away! Hosanna to the God of David. If anyone is holy, let him come. If anyone is not, let him repent. Maranatha. Amen."

On the Lord's day, when you have been gathered together, break bread and celebrate the Eucharist. But first confess your sins so that your offering may be pure. If anyone has a quarrel with his neighbor, that person should not join you until he has been reconciled. Your sacrifice must not be defiled. In this regard, the Lord has said: In every place and time offer me a pure sacrifice. I am a great king, says the Lord, and my name is great among the nations.

JULY 19, 2009

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father,
for those who have responded
to your call to priestly ministry.
Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf:

Fill your priests
with the sure knowledge of your love.
Open their hearts to the power
and consolation of the Holy Spirit.
Lead them to new depths of union with your Son.
Increase in them profound faith
in the Sacraments they celebrate
as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests,
may inspire us to strive for holiness
by the power of their example,
as men of prayer who ponder your word
and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother,
guard with your maternal care these chosen ones,
so dear to the Heart of your Son.
Intercede for our priests that,
offering the Sacrifice of your Son,
they may be conformed more each day
to the image of your Son,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,
pray for us and our priests.*

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ORACIÓN POR NUESTROS SACERDOTES

Te damos gracias, Dios nuestro Padre,
por aquellos que han respondido
a tu llamado para el ministerio sacerdotal.
Acepta esta oración que ofrecemos en su nombre.

Llena a tus sacerdotes
con la seguridad de conocer tu amor.
Abre sus corazones al poder
y consuelo del Espíritu Santo,
condúcelos a nuevas profundidades
de unión con tu Hijo.
Llénalos de profunda fe
en los sacramentos que ellos celebran,
que nos alientan, nos fortalecen y nos sanan.

Señor Jesucristo, haz que estos tus sacerdotes,
puedan inspirarnos a luchar por la santidad
con el poder de su ejemplo,
como hombres de oración que escuchan tu palabra
y siguen tu voluntad.

O María, Madre de Cristo y nuestra madre,
protege con tu cuidado maternal a estos llamados
tan queridos al Corazón de tu Hijo.
Intercede para que nuestros sacerdotes,
que al ofrecer el sacrificio de tu Hijo,
puedan parecerse cada día más a tu Hijo,
nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Amén.

*San Juan Vianney, patrón universal de los sacerdotes,
ora por nosotros y por nuestros sacerdotes*

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, July 26 – 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Mary, Joseph & Evelyn LaPierre, Mem.
7:30 am Joaquin Gutierrez, Mem.
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
11:15 am Emilio Paolini, 10th Ann.
12:45 pm Rafael Afanador, 1st Ann.
5:00 pm Anne Ridge, Mem.

Mon. 7:00 am The Montane Family, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am Johanna Cecilia Murphy, Mem.

Wed. 7:00 am Julian & Maria Ciszewski, Mem.

Thu. 7:00 am Maria Farracane, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Brian Honan, 7th Ann.

Sat. 7:00 am Bernadette Canney, Mem.

Sunday, August 2 – 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm San Donato Mass
7:30 am Alice & Patrick Hennessey, Mem.
9:30 am Theresa L. Tobin, 21st Ann.
11:15 am Joe Healy, Month's Mind
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm The Mancini Family, Mem.

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