

I Am Proud to be Intolerant

“Tolerance is an attitude of reasoned patience toward evil ... a forbearance that restrains us from showing anger or inflicting punishment. Tolerance applies only to persons ... never to truth. Tolerance applies to the erring, intolerance to the error ... Architects are as intolerant about sand as foundations for skyscrapers as doctors are intolerant about germs in the laboratory. Tolerance does not apply to truth or principles. About these things, we must be intolerant, and for this kind of intolerance, so much needed to rouse us from sentimental gush, I make a plea. Intolerance of this kind is the foundation of all stability.” - Fulton J. Sheen

Equipped with this wisdom, I believe that Catholics must be intolerant in so far as evil or a disruption of moral teachings, and societal mores are concerned. Failure to display intolerance becomes tantamount to a complete giving in, as Archbishop Sheen observed,

“The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.”

We are called upon to correct our brothers in society and help them see that the current social order is a bit off centre

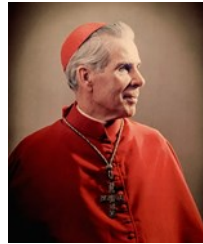
Aren't Christians called to turn the other cheek? Aren't they simply supposed to be meek and sheepish? To some extent perhaps, but, there are many instances where we are told to admonish, correct, or otherwise council our brothers when we see them in error.

Matthew 18:15 “If your brother* sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 “We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all. See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all.”

These and several other quotes tell us that we must correct that which is wrong, but, we must do so with love and not with hate. Failure to correct our brothers (society in general) is the first step down the slippery slope which will end potentially with the loss of any religion at all.

“A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it.” - Fulton J. Sheen
Fulton J. Sheen, “America is Suffering From Tolerance” (Catholic Stand)



**O Mary, peaceful sea! Mary, giver of peace! Mary fertile soil!
You are the new-sprung plant
from whom we have the fragrant blossom,
the word, God's only son, for in you was the word sown.**



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Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:18

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Mass Times

Saturday: - (Vigil) 6pm

Sunday: - 9:30am & 5:30pm

Monday: - 8am Mass

Tuesday: - 10am, Mass of Mercy, **2nd
Tues of month Anointing of the sick**

Wednesday: - 8am

Thursday: - 7pm, Mass & Family Novena

Friday: - 8am

Working Bee: Sat - 9am to 11am

Sacraments and Devotions

Adoration - Fri 8:30am to 10:30am

Precious Blood - Fri 10am

Rosaries - Thurs 6:30pm and Sun 9am

Reconciliation - Thursday after Novena

Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil,
Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm

Baptism and Marriage - By appointment

Legion of Mary Praesidia :

Mon 9:30am - Mystical Rose

Wed 8:30am - Mary Immaculate

Thur 5.30pm - Mother of Divine Grace

~ Parish Notices ~

First Reconciliation and Communion: Congratulation to all these Children: Annabella Roberts, Cameron Hamblin, Abigail Power, Clifton Newton, Jyden Newton, Angelus Saliba, Pia Kunasegaran and William Cunningham. We commend you for your hard work and diligence in preparing for these beautiful sacraments of peace and joy.

Same Sex Marriage Plebiscite: Your Christian faith is under fire in this people's vote on marriage. Redefining marriage will have consequences for: your religious freedom, your free speech, your children's education in schools - allowing radical gay sex education programs to become widespread and compulsory, where parents can't say no. **Your vote "NO" is a vote for** religious freedom, free speech and to protect the rights of parents to determine the education of their kids.

Saturday 8am Mass and Reconciliation has been cancelled indefinitely.

Please consider offering a little support to those who have been carrying the burden of maintenance works in your parish: **One Working Bee** every second month **equals One Hour Per Month** would be appreciated and enormously assist your parish in meeting it's on going requirements. There are numerous ways in which you could make a contribution so please do not hesitate to offer your talents..

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time, 10 September 2017

Collect: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94 (95):1-2.6-9. R. v.8

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 41(42):2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



Feast of the week: *Wed*-Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor, *Thur*-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, *Frid*-Our Lady of Sorrows, *Sat*-Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Lord hear our prayers for the:

Sick: John Dwyer, Bob Mannering, Theresa McCooke, *Departed:* Jane Bell, Antoinette O’Brien, Mary McLauren, Victor Zanin, Noel Glasgow

Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Luke Burton Sun 9.30am - Vera Galvin

Readers & Cleaners Roster - 16/17 September 2017

Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Damien Tocher Sun: 9.30 am - Gwen Abikhair

Cleaning: Group 3 - Kate Tobin

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These priests were martyred for refusing to violate the seal of confession

Some Catholics have been concerned by governments in Louisiana and Australia who challenge the secrecy of the sacrament of confession, asking that priests betray the solemnity of penitents’ confessions... However, Catholics should not be afraid, because keeping the secrecy of the sacrament of confession is one of the most important promises priests make. The code of canon law states that “the sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason.” Priests who violate this seal of confession are automatically excommunicated.

These priests died protecting the seal of confession.

St. John Nepomucene b.1340 was the first martyr who preferred to die rather than reveal the secret of confession. When he was Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Prague, the king ordered the priest to reveal the sins of his wife. The saint’s refusal infuriated Wenceslaus... King Wenceslaus and John Nepomucene came into conflict again when the monarch wanted to seize a convent in order to take its wealth and give it to a relative. The saint prohibited its seizure because those goods belonged to the Church. Filled with rage, the king ordered the torture of the saint, whose body was then thrown to the Vltava River in 1393.

Saint Mateo Correa Magallanes was shot in Mexico during the Cristero War for refusing to reveal the confessions of prisoners rebelling against the Mexican government. In 1927, the priest was arrested by Mexican army forces. A few days later, the general sent Father Correa to hear the confessions of people who were to be shot. After Fr. Mateo finished administering the sacrament, the general then demanded that the priest reveal what he had heard. Fr. Mateo responded with a resounding “no” and was executed. He was canonized by St. John Paul II May 21, 2000. EWTN

