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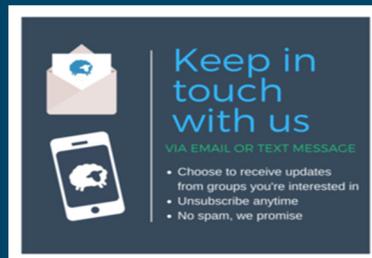
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

Matthew 25:23

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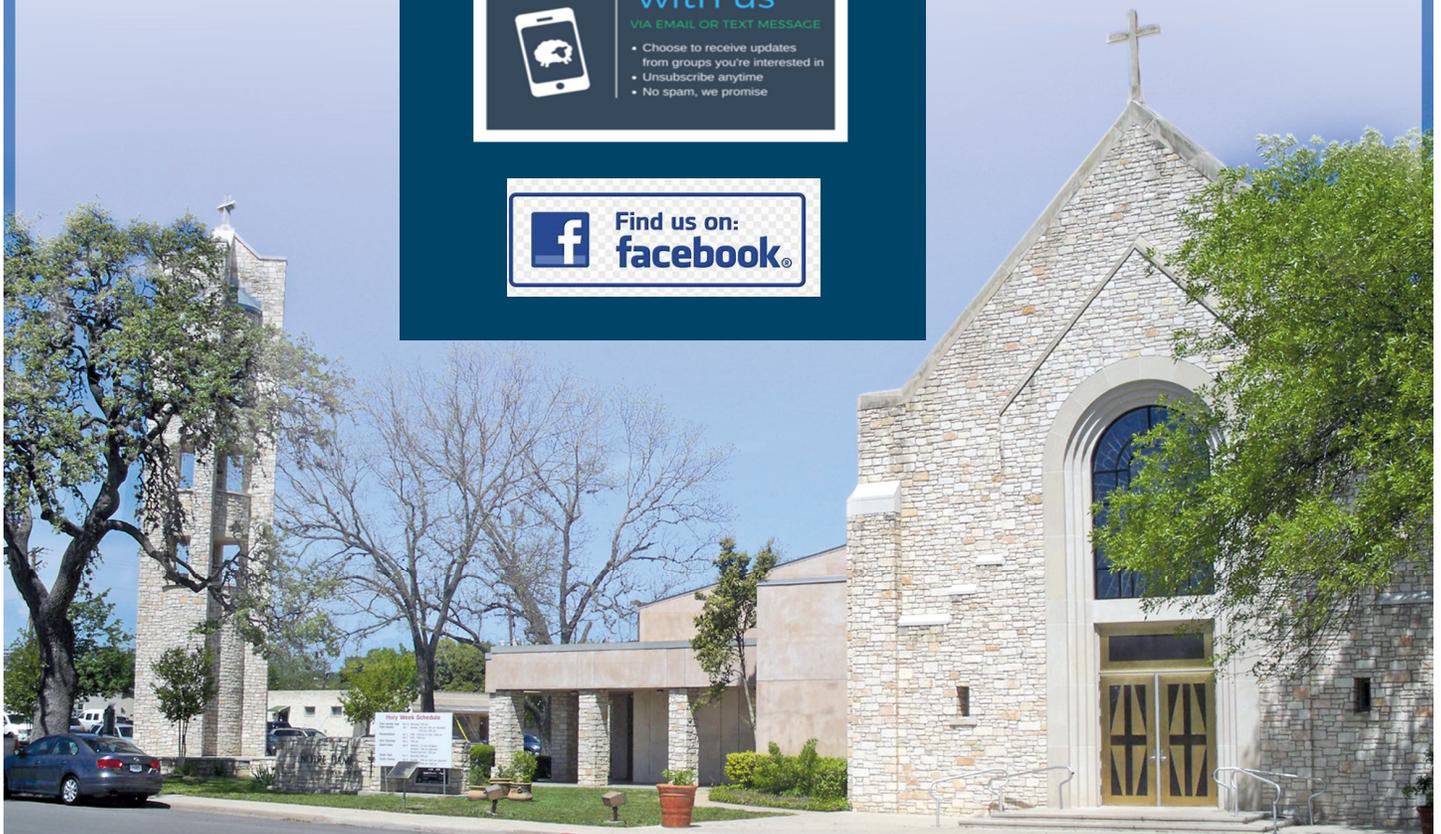
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*Blessings in Jesus,
Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar*





MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

Who We Are and Whose We Are – Part 1

In Paul's letter to the Romans we hear an outburst of enraptured praise to God. In the 11th chapter of Romans, Paul is bursting with a sense of awe and wonder at the greatness of God: "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable His ways!" Citing the prophet Isaiah, Paul reminds us that no one has known the mind of God or been His counselor. Paul makes a very key point: all things are created by God, sustained by God and are ultimately ordered to God. "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things."

The wisdom and knowledge of God are indeed very rich and deep. So much so that it may even seem audacious of us to attempt to say any more about it. To the contrary, if we set before our minds at least *something* of what we mean when we speak of divine wisdom it can indeed bring to light many other very important points in the Gospel concerning our faith and the life of the Church.

When we say that God is omniscient, that He knows all things, we mean, for one thing, that God has never learned anything and cannot learn anything new. He already possesses all knowledge. We cannot inform God of anything. God never discovers anything. He cannot be surprised. To suggest otherwise, to say that God is able to receive into His mind knowledge that He did not previously possess and had not possessed from eternity, is to suggest that He is imperfect and therefore less than God Almighty.

God knows all things instantly, effortlessly and from eternity. God never needs to ponder, or weigh matters in His mind. He never wonders, or seeks after information. God knows all matter and all matters, all causes, all relations, all things visible and invisible in heaven and earth, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven and hell, all persons, all thought and all thoughts, every mind, every heart, and every secret. He knows each and every one of us and all there is to know about us. He knows our frame, and He remembers that we are but dust.

When we speak of the wisdom of God, we invoke the concept of infinitude. God is infinitely wise. Like His knowledge, God's wisdom was not given to Him by another, it did not grow within Him over a span of time. It did not develop. The wisdom of God is as infinite and eternal as God Himself, and it is inseparable from His nature.

When the Holy Scriptures speak of the wisdom of God, there is always a strong moral connotation. God's wisdom is always pure, loving and good. So-called wisdom that is mere shrewdness is a thing that evil men know, and as such it is always treacherous and false.

Wisdom also is manifested in an ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning and therefore never needs to guess or imagine. God in His wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward His perfect ends with flawless precision. *To be continued . . .*

Blessings in Jesus, Fr. David

Quiénes Somos Y De Quién Somos – 1ª Parte

En la Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos escuchamos un arrebatado de alabanza extasiada a Dios. En el capítulo 11 a los Romanos, San Pablo rebosa de asombro y maravillado por la grandeza de Dios: "¡Oh profundidad de las riquezas, la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios! ¡Cuán insondables son sus juicios y cuán inscrutables sus caminos!" Citando al profeta Isaías, San Pablo nos recuerda que nadie ha conocido la mente de Dios ni ha sido Su consejero. San Pablo señala un punto muy clave: todas las cosas son creadas por Dios, sostenidas por Dios y finalmente ordenadas a Dios. "Porque de Él, por Él y para Él son todas las cosas".

La sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios son realmente muy ricos y profundos. Tanto es así que incluso puede parecernos audaz intentar decir algo más al respecto. Por el contrario, si ponemos en nuestra mente al menos algo de lo que queremos decir cuando hablamos de sabiduría divina, de hecho puede sacar a la luz muchos otros puntos muy importantes del Evangelio sobre nuestra fe y la vida de la Iglesia.

Cuando decimos que Dios es omnisciente, que sabe todas las cosas, queremos decir, en primer lugar, que Dios nunca ha aprendido nada y no puede aprender nada nuevo. Él ya posee todo el conocimiento. No podemos informar a Dios de nada. Dios nunca descubre nada. No puede sorprenderse. Sugerir lo contrario, decir que Dios es capaz de recibir en Su mente conocimiento que no poseía previamente y que no había poseído desde la eternidad, es sugerir que Él es imperfecto y por lo tanto menos que Dios Todopoderoso.

Dios conoce todas las cosas al instante, sin esfuerzo y desde la eternidad. Dios nunca necesita meditar o sopesar asuntos en su mente. Nunca se pregunta ni busca información. Dios conoce toda la materia y todos los asuntos, todas las causas, todas las relaciones, todas las cosas visibles e invisibles en el cielo y la tierra, el espacio, el tiempo, la vida, la muerte, el bien, el mal, el cielo y el infierno, todas las personas, todos los conocimientos y todos los pensamientos, toda mente, cada corazón y cada secreto. Él conoce a todos y cada uno de nosotros y todo lo que hay que saber sobre nosotros. Él conoce nuestro cuerpo y recuerda que no somos más que polvo.

Cuando hablamos de la sabiduría de Dios, invocamos el concepto de infinitud. Dios es infinitamente sabio. Al igual que Su conocimiento, la sabiduría de Dios no le fue dada por otro, no creció dentro de Él durante un lapso de tiempo. No se desarrolló. La sabiduría de Dios es tan infinita y eterna como Dios mismo, y es inseparable de Su naturaleza.

Cuando las Sagradas Escrituras hablan de la sabiduría de Dios, siempre hay una fuerte connotación moral. La sabiduría de Dios es siempre pura, amorosa y buena. La supuesta sabiduría que es mera astucia es algo que los hombres malvados conocen y, como tal, siempre es traicionera y falsa.

La sabiduría también se manifiesta en la capacidad de idear fines perfectos y lograr esos fines por los medios más perfectos. Ve el final desde el principio y, por lo tanto, nunca necesita adivinar o imaginar. Dios en Su sabiduría ve todo enfocado, a cada uno en la debida relación con todo, y por lo tanto es capaz de trabajar hacia Sus fines perfectos con perfecta precisión. Continuará . . .

¡Bendiciones! En Jesús, Padre David

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

HERO OF THE WEEK



St. Elizabeth of Hungary, also known as St. Elizabeth of Thuringia was born in Hungary on July 7, 1207 to the Hungarian King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania. As soon as her life began, she had responsibilities from being a royal pressed upon her. While Elizabeth was very young, her father arranged for her to be married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia, a German nobleman. Because of this plan, Elizabeth was sent away at the age of four for education at the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia. Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, was murdered in 1213, when Elizabeth was just six-years-old. From this point on, Elizabeth's perspective on life and death dramatically changed and she sought peace with prayer.

Happiness was returned to her young life in 1221 when she was formally married to Ludwig, whom she deeply loved. Together the couple had three beautiful children, two of whom became members of nobility and the third entering the religious life, becoming abbess of a German convent. Elizabeth continued to live a life full of prayer and a service to the poor. Ludwig, who was now one of the rulers of Thuringia, supported all of Elizabeth's religious endeavors even though she was a part of the royal court. She began to lead an austere simple life, practiced penance, and devoted herself to works of charity. She used her royal position to advance her mission for charity.

In 1223, Franciscan friars arrived in Thuringia and taught 16-year-old Elizabeth all about Francis of Assisi's ideals. She then forth decided to live her life mirroring his. She wore simple clothing and set aside time every day to take bread to hundreds of poor people in her land. Ludwig and Elizabeth were politically powerful and lived with a remarkable generosity toward the poor. In 1226, when disease and floods struck Thuringia, Elizabeth took to caring for the victims. It is said she even gave away the royal's clothing and goods to the afflicted people. Elizabeth had a hospital built and provided for almost a thousand poor people daily.

However, tragedy struck when Ludwig passed away from illness in 1227. Elizabeth vowed to never remarry and to live a life similar to a nun, despite pressure from relatives. Her vows included celibacy and an agreement of complete obedience to her confessor and spiritual director, Master Conrad of Marburg.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Elizabeth, having received her dowry, founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis, where she personally attended to the ill. She ministered to the sick and provided support to the poor. Elizabeth's life was consumed deeply by her devotion to God and her charitable labor. She passed away at the age of 24, on November 17, 1231 in Marburg, Hesse. After her death, miraculous healings began to occur at her graveside near her hospital. Examinations were held for those who had been healed from 1232 to 1235. The investigations, along with testimony from Elizabeth's handmaidens and companions and the immense popularity surrounding her, provided enough reason for her canonization. Pope Gregory IX canonized her on May 27, 1235.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 15, 2020 –33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21(157)

7:45 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Pat Castillo
9:15 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Tules Garza
11:00 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	Daughters of Notre Dame All Souls Memorials
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Bill Williams

Monday, November 16, 2020-Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)

12:00 pm (<i>visiting priest</i>)	†Herminia Villanueva
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Tuesday, November 17, 2020-Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22, Lk 19:1-10(498)

7:00 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	In Honor of Bishop Mike Boulette
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Wednesday, November 18, 2020-The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499) or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33(679)

12:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Louis Romero
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Thursday, November 19, 2020
Rv 5:1-10, Lk 19:41-44(500)

12:00 pm (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Octavio Amaya
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Friday, November 20, 2020
Rv 10:8-11, Lk 19:45-48(501)

8:00 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Dolores Reyes Villar
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Saturday, November 21, 2020-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4-12, Lk 20:27-40(502)

1:00 pm (Aspirant-Juan Hernandez)	Sherlin Elizabeth Padilla Quinceañera Word Service
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	Mass offered for The Venegas/Garcia Families

Sunday, November 22, 2020- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46 (160)

7:45 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Don Kyle
9:15 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Clemente Alvarado Sr.
11:00 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	People of the Parish
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	Mass offered for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

“Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand”

Mother Teresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 16, 2020—Good Shepherd, 5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall.

Monday, November 16, 2020—Boy Scouts, 6:45 p.m. in the Gym.

Monday, November 16, 2020—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are Welcome!

Lunes, 16 de noviembre—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. Todos Bienvenidos!

Tuesday, November 17, 2020—RCIA—6:00 p.m. in the Social Center.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020—INGLES TAMBIÉN, 5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM. ¡Todos Bienvenidos!

Wednesday, November 18, 2020—Good Shepherd—5:00pm in Kemper Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 2020—EDGE—5:30pm—in Kemper Hall

Thursday, November 19, 2020—CATHOLIC WAY BIBLE STUDY, 8:30 a.m. in the Fireplace RM. All are Welcome!

Thursday, November 19, 2020—M.O.S.T., 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are Welcome!
jueves, 19 de noviembre—M.O.S.T. a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. ¡Todos Bienvenidos!

Friday, November 20, 2020, - LA DANZA, 7:00 p.m. in the Gym parking lot.

Saturday, November 21, 2020—Reconciliation 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!



Prayer for the Holy Souls Souls In Purgatory (November Remembrance)

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen”.

(Prayer was given to St. Gertrude during a vision from Jesus with the promise that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory when prayed.)



*The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week
in memory
of
Fran Bertagnolli
by
Frank Bertagnolli*



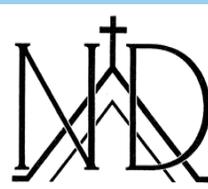
**The Second Collection
on November 21 & 22, 2020
will be for
Campaign for Human Development**
Thank you for your generosity!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of
robotics and artificial intelligence
may always serve humankind



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RCIA REFLECTIONS

We thank God for those in our RCIA journey this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn about our Catholic faith, and about God's love for them. They will be on retreat Saturday, November 21st, and then will participate in their first RCIA Rite on Sunday, November 22: The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. Please pray for their discernment as they continue their faith journeys.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

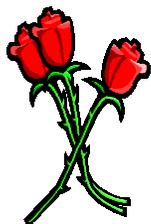
Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.uscca.org/cchd/collection.

La próxima semana, nuestra colecta especial apoyará a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano.

Unos 40 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y tratar con los obstáculos que enfrentan, a la vez que trabajan para traer cambios permanentes y positivos a sus comunidades. Infórmese más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Roy Ybarra, William Etchison, Bill Gibson, Steve Erickson, MaKenna Erickson, Maria Acosta, Ariana Lambdin, Mark B. Anderson, Marissa Hernandez, Deacon Sonny Kaufhold.



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially for **Consuelo Pruneda Dominguez**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 31-November 1, 2020

CHURCH

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 11,570.50
Currency/Coin	1,250.05
Capital Improvement	<u>578.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,398.55

Archdiocese for Military Services (2nd Collection)

	\$ 482.00
Hope for the Future	1.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
School GAP	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 583.00

Oct. 26—Nov. 1, 2020 On-line Giving

Church	\$ 5,948.50
School	190.00
Bldg. Fund	<u>55.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,193.50

SCHOOL

School Envelopes	\$ <u>1445.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,445.00

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If you appreciate the ease of online banking, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with automatic online donations. Please visit notredamechurch.cc/online-giving to learn more. Make a one-time gift, or create a personal recurring gift account. It is quick, easy and convenient.



The Daughters of Notre Dame gratefully acknowledge the All Soul's Memorials.

A Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

IN MEMORY OF:

Anton & Alice Halfmann
Melvin & Lorine Braden
Arnold Braden, Gladys Braden
Mary Foreman, Bill Murray
Erwin Kleypas, Jr., Randy Bolen
Jerry Bolen
By
Joyce Braden

In Loving Memory of
Fran Bernard Bertagnolli
By
Frank Bertagnolli

Francis & Mary Scott
Max & Ila Suess
By
Gene & Rosemary Suess

Gilbert & Amelia Elizondo,
Earl & Blanche Cannon
By
Barry & Diana Cannon

Lewis & Elenora Zschech,
Walter & Mildred Mahlmann
By
Olan & Kay Mahlmann

Tomasa & Franco Perez
By
Elda, Anna & Ida

Consuelo & Estanislado Martinez
By
Matt & Aimee Martinez

Esperanza & Roberto Grigsby
By
Elda, Anna & Ida

Ramiro Perez Sr.
By
Elda, Anna & Ida

IN MEMORY OF:

Ramiro T. Cano
By
Elda, Anna & Ida

The Albrecht Family,
The Kogut Family,
The Gracioch Family
Janet Quinn, Ann Dommert,
Mary Blair
By

Dianne Albrecht

Families: Meilbeck, Grady,
Gauvin & Hartman
By
Peggy Hartman

Harold H. Kunz
Mr. & Mrs. Harold H. Kunz Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Real Semper
By
Lois R. Kunz

Anthony M. Martinez
Christina Louise G. Martinez
By
Eleanor C. Flores

Jimmy & Kevin Schnurr
By
Eddie & Barbara Schnurr

Tomasa & Franco Perez
By
Elda, Anna & Ida

Deceased Members of
The Solomon Family
By
Mary & Fran Solomon

The Sherman Family
The Dowse Family
By
Susan Sherman

IN MEMORY OF:

Don Cochran
Loretto Bonner Cochran
By
Pam Cochran Clack

Bill & Elsie Saip
John Lewandowski
By
George & Ginny Saip

Maria & Leonard Nowak
Cookie Hernandez
Mary Nowak, Joe Hernandez
& Joe Jr., Jessie Hernandez,
Robert Hurt
By
Mary Hurt

Letia Paradise
Trisha Crandall—Friend

Carmen Piña, Manuel Ontiveros,
Sylvester Aguirre
By
Irma & Ray Aguirre

Eleanor Murray
By
Barney Murray

Carlos & Maria Delgadillo
By
Larry & Ida Delgadillo

Romulda Calvillo, Dominga Calvillo,
Margarito Avila, Jose Calvillo,
Refugio Avila, Gerardo Avila
By
Mr. & Mrs. Raymundo M. Cruces

Esteban Sr., Juanita Delgadillo and
all Delgadillo family members
By
Daniel & Mary Jane Flores

IN MEMORY OF:

Esteban, Beatrice, Jesse & Steve Delgadillo
By
Daniel & Mary Jane Flores

Jesus & Manuela Medrano, Frances, Raymond &
Ramon Lemos
By
Daniel & Mary Jane Flores

Adolfo Lopez
By
Fito, Liana, Izzy, Eric & A.J. Lopez

Keta & Andrew Fadai
By
Mary Jane Flores

Ramon & Cruzita Flores,
Eloy, Richard Flores & Magdalena Gomez
By
Daniel & Mary Jane Flores

Donald Kyle
By
Beverly Kyle

Joe Treviño
By
Estella Treviño

Carmella & Frank Vocalino
Luke & Jerry Vocalino
By
Caralyn Migely

Daniel Shaw, Wilma Shaw
Virgil Burton, Homer Curless
By
Larry & Josie Shaw

Jose & Elvira Valdespino
Consuelo Becerra
Francisco & Luz Marquez
By
Larry & Josie Shaw



IN MEMORY OF:

The Franzen & Rivers Families
Jordan Louis & The DeBusk & Lawler Families
By
Terri & Mike DeBusk

Richard & Florence Guerrero & Randy, Paul & Allen
Guerrero, Reilma Montgomery & Mary Juarez,
Jack Jones, Ernest Hildebrandt
By
Brenda Jones

Anton & Alice Halfmann
Erwin Kleypas, Franklin Reavis
By
Dorothy Bolen

Jerry & Randy Bolen
Leonard & Otilia Bolen
By
Dorothy Bolen

Danko-Stevenson Deceased Family Members
By
Family

Mr. & Mrs. Amador Vargas
Emilio Vargas, Ernestina P. Vargas, Pete F. Vargas,
Fidel A. Tijerina, David Vargas
By
The Tijerina Family

Alfredo Morin Bill & Francisca Pruneda Bill
By
Children

Walter Klein, Minnie L. Klein
By
The Klein Family

Clark D. Klein
By
The Clark Klein Family

Oswald Herzog, Catherine Whelan Herzog
By
Karen Herzog Klein

Jesus G. Garcia Jr., & Consuelo Pruneda Dominguez
By
Eva Bill





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Your Excellency,

The Secretariat of State of the Holy Father has asked me to share with you, and through you with the members of the Episcopal Conference, the following observations in reference to certain remarks contained in the documentary film “Francesco”, by director Evgeny Afineevsky, that have caused various reactions and interpretations in the last few days. The Holy Father has directed that these observations be offered in order to permit an adequate understanding of his words.

More than a year ago, in the course of an interview, Pope Francis responded to two distinct questions at different moments that, in the said documentary, were edited and published as a single response without the necessary context, which has resulted in confusion. The Holy Father, first and foremost, referred in a pastoral manner to the need, within the family, for a son or daughter with a homosexual orientation to never be discriminated against. The following words are intended in this sense: “Las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia; son hijos de Dios, tienen derecho a una familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie ni hacerle la vida imposible por eso”.

The following paragraph from the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation concerning love in the family, *Amoris laetitia* (2016), can shed light on those responses: “During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while ‘every sign of unjust discrimination’ is to be

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carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives."

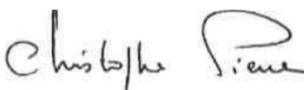
A subsequent question during that interview pertained rather to a local law of ten years ago in Argentina, regarding "*matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo*" and to the opposition of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires towards it. In this respect, Pope Francis affirmed that "*es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual*", adding that, in such a precise context, he had spoken of the right of these persons to legal cover: "*lo que tenemos que hacer es una ley de convivencia civil: tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso.*"

During a 2014 interview, the Holy Father expressed himself as follows: "Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular States want to justify civil unions in order to regularize the various situations of cohabitation, driven by the necessity to regularize economic matters between persons, such as ensuring health care, for example. This relates to various forms of cohabitation agreement, which I would not be able to list. The different situations must be examined and evaluated, according to their circumstances."

It is therefore clear that Pope Francis was referring to particular State provisions, and not certainly to the doctrine of the Church, which has been reiterated on numerous occasions over the years.

Grateful for your cooperation in this matter, I assure you of my good wishes and remain

Yours faithfully

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✠ Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio