

A Message from Pope Francis: Words of Challenge and Hope

Sometimes we hear people say, “You Catholics do not accept abortion; it’s a problem with your faith.” No, the problem is pre-religious. Faith has nothing to do with it. It comes afterwards, but it has nothing to do with it. The problem is a human problem. It is pre-religious. Let’s not blame faith for something that from the beginning has nothing to do with it. The problem is a human problem. Just two questions will help us understand this clearly. Two questions. First: is it licit to eliminate a human life to solve a problem? Second: is it licit to hire a killer to resolve a problem? I leave the answer to you. This is the point. Don’t blame religion for a human issue. It is not licit. Never, never eliminate a human life or hire a killer to solve a problem. Rejoice in the Lord. Abortion is never the answer that women and families are looking for. Rather, it is fear of illness and isolation that makes parents waver. The practical, human and spiritual difficulties are undeniable, but it is precisely for this reason that a more incisive pastoral action is urgently needed to support those families who accept sick children. There is a need to create spaces, places and “networks of love” to which couples can turn, and to spend time assisting these families. I think of a story that I heard of in my other Diocese. A fifteen year-old girl with Down syndrome became pregnant and her parents went to the judge to get authorization for an abortion. The judge, a very upright man, studied the case and said, “I would like to question the girl.” [The parents answered:] “But she has Down syndrome she doesn’t understand.” [The judge replied:] “No, have her come.” The young girl sat down and began to speak with the judge. He said to her: “Do you know what happened to you? [She replied:] “Yes, I’m sick.” [The judge then asked:] “And what is your sickness?” [She answered:] “They told me that I have an animal inside me that is eating my stomach, and that is why I have to have an operation.” [The judge told her:] “No, you don’t have a worm that’s eating your stomach. You know what you have? It’s a baby.” The young girl with Down syndrome said: “Oh, how beautiful!” That’s what happened. So the judge did not authorize the abortion. The mother wanted it. The years passed; the baby was born, she went to school, she grew up and she became a lawyer. From the time that she knew her story, because they told it to her, every day on her birthday she called the judge to thank him for the gift of being born. The things that happen in life... The judge is now dead and she has become a public prosecutor. See what a beautiful thing happened! Abortion is never the response that women and families are looking for.

(A selection from Pope Francis’ address to participants in the conference, “Yes to Life! — Taking Care of the Precious Gift of Life in its Frailty).

Saturday, May 25, 2019

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XVI SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00am English, Church.
10:30am Creole, Church.
12:30pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Church.
(*Except Wednesdays*)

Fridays:
05:30pm Church.
06:00pm Adoration Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

1st Communions: June 6, 2021.

Confirmation: Fall 2021.

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In today's Gospel Jesus takes pity on the people for "they were like sheep without a shepherd." I imagine that many of you have been in this situation or are still in it! I remember that during my teenage years and well into my late twenties, I felt aimless. My life had no direction and nothing satisfied me. My friends, who were good people could not take away this inner longing, and nor could the things of the world, such as a new car or having lots of money in the bank and so on. Nothing could fill the void in my heart. It was both a psychological and spiritual pain that seemed like it would never leave me. I was like a sheep without a shepherd. Then one day I listened to the catechesis of the Neo Catechumenal Way, given by an Italian couple and a Sicilian priest and my life started to turn around. It took time but eventually the Lord revealed that He did have a plan for my life, which was to be a presbyter (priest). It was not my plan and I never thought in all my life to be a priest, but somehow the Lord won me over and here I am. Well, this is not just for me but is for you, too. The Lord wants to be your shepherd. If you open your heart, with His grace, then He will lead you on the path that is best for you. He has a plan for your life but what must you do? Ask Him to show you the way. If you come before the Lord with a heart completely disposed to do whatever He asks of you, then the Lord will answer your prayer. He will show you the way that is best for you and bring you Joy and fulfillment.

Let us all pray to recognize the voice of the shepherd and the courage to do what He says and so we will not be people without a shepherd.

Fr. Paul

Youth Pilgrimage to the Immaculate Conception Shrine

Washington, D.C.— July 16, 2021.

Let us pray for the youth of our parish who represent the mission of TCI. May the grace of the Holy Spirit help you discern your vocation and give fruit in today church that is needed so much. Thanks to all who have made this pilgrimage possible. May God reward you a hundredfold.



CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS IN CREOLE

W'ap chèche konprann lavi w? W fatigué ak lavi a, w Santi w sèl? W eskandalize de soufrans?

"JEZI AP PASE"
"Vini, Pou w tande yon bòn nouvell"



Vini e koute yon anons kè kontan. Katechis Pou granmoun ak jen: **Lendi ak Jedi nan sal pawaswal la a 07:00 pm.**

Parish Events July 18—July 25

Sunday: Holy Mass: 09:00am, 10:30am and 12:30pm
 05:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children's group.
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
 05:00pm Fraternité, Red Room.
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice
 05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Tuesday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

07:00pm. 1st, 3rd and 4th English Community, Blue Chapel
 07:00pm. 2nd English Community, Red Room

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

07:00pm. 1st Creole Community, Red Room.
 07:00pm. 1st and 2nd Spanish Community, Blue Chapel.

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.
 06:00pm Creole Choir Practice
 06:30pm English Choir Practice.

Friday: 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.
 06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass Church.
NCW. Eucharist
 06:45pm English
 06:45pm Creole



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY is closed for Summer Break. We will be back to school on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021.

Visit our website for information about our History, Mission and Academics! You will also find updates and news about our school year, students and staff!

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We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies. Any help God will reward you a hundred fold. If you would like and are able to help contact us at holyfamilytci@gmail.com

You can also donate from the US in the following link: <https://www.rcan.org/mission-turks-and-caicos-islands>

Wish List

This is another way to help the missionary school or students who are in need, by donating any of the following:

- Moving Outdoor planters and gardening material
- Heavy Duty Sun Shade Sail Canopy
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!