FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM: <u>YOUCAT</u> Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Seven Sacraments of the Church The Sacrament of Holy Orders

258. Why does the Church require priests and bishops to live a celibate life?

Jesus lived as a celibate and in this way intended to show his undivided love for God the Father. To follow Jesus' way of life and to live in unmarried chastity "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 19:12) has been since Jesus' time a sign of love, of undivided devotion to the Lord, and a complete willingness to serve. The Roman Catholic Church requires this way of life of its bishops and priests, while the Eastern Catholic Churches demand it only of their bishops. [1579-1580, 1599]

Celibacy, says Pope Benedict, cannot mean "remaining empty in love, but rather must mean allowing oneself to be overcome by a passion for God". A Priest who lives as a celibate should be fruitful inasmuch as he represents the fatherly character of God and Jesus. The Pope goes on to say, "Christ needs priests who are mature and manly, capable of exercising a true spiritual fatherhood."

259. How is the universal priesthood of all the faithful different from the ordained priesthood?

Through baptism Christ has made us into a kingdom of "priests to his God and Father" (Rev 1:6). Through the universal priesthood, every Christian is called to work in the world in God's name and to bring Blessings and grace to it. In the Upper Room during the Last Supper and when he commissioned the Apostles, however, Christ equipped some with a sacred authority to serve the faithful; these ordained priests represent Christ as pastors (shepherds) of his people and as head of his Body, the Church. [1546-1553, 1592]

Using the same word, "Priest", for two related things that nevertheless "differ essentially and not only a degree" (Second Vatican Council, LG 10, 2) often leads to misunderstandings. On the one hand, we should observe with joy that all the baptized are "priests" because we live in Christ and share in everything he is and does. Why, then, do we not call down a permanent blessing on this world? On the other hand, we must rediscover God's gift to his Church, the ordained priests, who represent the Lord himself among us. 138

"VOCATION SEEDS

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these" Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968 0997 email:vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 17:

5:00 pm +Fiona Mendonca +Victoria & Gabriel Noronha

- +Mario Manalang
- +Paul Fernandes
- +Fred & Emelda Balasingham

In Thanksgiving of Esteleydiz Family

Sunday May 18:

9:00 am +Antonio Bersamira

10:30 am +Linda Mendes

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday May 19:

9:00 am Intention of Jonathan Cummings

Tuesday May 20:

9:00 am +Filipina & Tagumpay Tuazon

Wednesday May 21:

7:30 pm +Bradley Fernandes

Thursday May 22:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Friday May 23:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Intention of Marie Dvorak

Saturday May 24:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on Fridays starting with a Mass at 9:30 am and concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm

Novalis "Living with Christ" for the month of June are available from the gift shop at \$ 3.50 each.

Just A Reminder

2013 Income Tax Receipts and 2014 Boxes of collection envelopes are still available in the gift shop with your names on it. Please make sure you have not forgotten to pick them up. *****

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China May 24

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. It is the traditional feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, who is venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

The Pope's Pastoral Works May 25

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use.

A second collection will be taken after Holy Communion at all Masses next weekend. Collection envelopes are being made available this weekend for this purpose.

The Catholic Women's League, St. Aidan Council

will host a Fundraising Spring Dance in the parish hall on Saturday June 14, 2014 from 6:30 pm. Ticket will be at \$25.00. Cash Bar. Proceed will go towards the charities associated with our parish. Please save this date, come and enjoy good food/music, fellowship and fun. Everyone are invited! We need your support.

St. Augustine's Seminary Celebrating 100 Years with an Open House on June 1, 2014 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: Free

St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Road (Between Midland and Brimley) Scarborough, Ontario, M1M 1M3 Tel: 416 261 7207

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tel: 647 772 1319 www.svdptoronto.org

The Easter Season comes to a close with the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. As Jesus' ministry on earth is now complete and He goes to join His Father, He gives us a gift - Peace. Peace is Jesus' gift to us. His gift is wrapped in the challenge of loving service, compassion and concern.

We are called to live our faith in Jesus and share this 'Peace' with humility, gentleness and love, by remembering our neighbour-in-need.

Please continue to contribute to the **POOR BOX.**

SHARELIFE

"My worst day clean is better than my best day using," exclaims Suzanne, as she shares the details of her past use drugs and other substance abuse. "I was on medication constantly to deal with the side effects and was a chronic pain patient for 35 years. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. With the support of Catholic Family Services, I was able to finally kick the habit." The Closed Trauma and Sister mentoring program were crucial to helping Suzanne get her life back on track. The positive influence of CFS sistering program supervisor Valerie Anderson and encouragement from other professional staff gave Suzanne the courage to try again. She sheds 'tears of joy' as she now speaks on behalf of CFS, sharing the detailed differences Catholic Family Services has made in her life. Over 77,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.

Next ShareLife Sunday - June 1, 2014 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Our Parish Goal is \$ 39, 000.00

So far we have collected \$24,000.00. We are quite far from our goal. We ask you to please contribute generously to reach our goal.

If you have stocks or mutual funds that had gone up in value and you don't want to pay the capital gains tax on them, consider using them to make your offertory gift. You can also use securities to consolidate all of your other Church giving as well. If you make an annual gift to ShareLife, for example, we will arrange to have the parish credited with your gift. To learn more, please call the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416 934 3411 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

SHARELIFE 19TH ANNUAL CORPORATE GOLF TOURNAMENT You can work wonders!

Monday June 9, 2014

Shotgun Start 12:30 pm Markland Wood Golf Club, Etobicoke Fees: \$385 per golfer \$1540 per foursome

Proceeds will benefit ShareLife-funded social services agencies

For more information, please call: Idalette Martins: 416.934.3400 ext. 526 Harry McAvoy: 416.934.3400 ext.553 www.sharelife.org/golf