EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

FROM: <u>DOCAT</u> <u>Occupation and Vocation</u> HUMAN WORK

155. When is a wage just?

From the beginning, the social teaching of the Church has demanded that a worker's wage be enough to ensure a livelihood for himself and his family. Today this demand is worded a bit differently: the wage must be high enough to make it possible for the employee to participate comprehensively in the life of society. Nevertheless, it is difficult to determine the exact amount of a just wage. One must consider the function and productivity of the individual, but also those of his employer. Moreover, the economic and social setting should be taken into account. Excessively high wages can also endanger overall economic productivity and thus be detrimental to the common good. In any case, there must be fair procedures for setting wages. Here labor unions play an important role. In a subsidiary way (e.g., playing a secondary role), the State may guarantee a minimum wage. The system of wages as a whole must also be just. With a view of social tranquility in a society, there should be no blatant disproportion between the wage of a simple laborer and the earnings of top executives.

156. What is the importance of labor unions?

Precisely because there is (usually) an imbalance of power between employer and employees, workers sometimes have to consolidate their forces in trade unions. In this way they can protect their common interests in solidarity with one another. The right to found labor unions is a human right. No one should experience adverse consequences because he is the member of a trade union or is involved in legitimate union activity.

157. Are employees allowed to strike?

To some extent, employers and employees pursue conflicting interests, for instance, when discussing the level of wages and the length of the work week. In order to settle these questions in a mutually satisfactory way, there must be negotiations between the two sides. For this purpose, the employees are represented by their unions. The strike is an important method whereby unions can place the employer under pressure in these negotiations. This method is legitimate, if it is applied peacefully and merely to improve wages and working conditions. The strike must not be contrary to the common good. Necessary community services (e.g., police, fire department, care of the sick) must never be impaired by strikes.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays

Due to lack of adorers on Friday afternoons, we will only have adoration from 9:30 am Mass till 12:30 pm, and then 6:00 pm till the evening Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 5:

5:00 pm +Gregoria Bautista +Marina Cadiz Mateo

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families In Thanksgiving of Cezar & Balbina Alphonzo In Thanksgiving of Teresa Dadula

Sunday January 6:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Bettina Geniza

10:30 am +Gualberto Sanchez

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 7:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Tuesday January 8:

9:00am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

Wednesday January 9:

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganza

Thursday January 10:

9:00 am +Ignatuis Mendes

Friday January 11:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Maria Olga De Souza

Saturday January 12:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intention of Wong Ahchong

'VOCATION SEEDS'

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share others in Christ's name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca *****************

REMINDERS

Sunday January 13:

First Reconciliation class at 1:15 pm Confirmation class at 3:30 pm

Tuesday January 15:

Parents First Reconciliation session at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY CHILDREN PROGRAM

will resume on January 13.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of January

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

STUDENTS IN GRADE 6 - 8

St Aidan's Parish is now running a Catholic youth program called **Edge.** This program is for students in grade 6-8, who are looking to grow in their faith, make friends and have lots of fun. Edge meetings take place every third Saturday of the month from 6-8 PM at St. Aidan Parish, in the church hall. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and arranged in **numerical or-der.** Please take **ONLY** the box with you name on it and discard your 2018 unused envelopes. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop.

Thank You for your cooperation

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Please note our new parish website for St. Aidan's Church is: staidanssc.archtoronto.org

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

Jesus took a child and placed it by His side and said to them, "whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives the one who sent me". (Luke 9:48)

The year 2018 has just gone by and we thank God we were able to serve our neigbours in need by ways that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does. All this was made possible with your help, our fellow parishioners. We look forward for your continued support in the year 2019.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on January 6. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle in Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2019 Charities Lottery

In support of Special Olympics, Ontario, The Arthritis Society and Local Charities

Draw Date: July 13, 2019 1 Ticket for \$5.00

Grand Cash Prize of \$200,000.00 and 500 Prizes with cumulative value of over \$500,000

A NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts,
and cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this year,
for all the potentials it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,
so that in our time, many will see the wonder of God,
and live forever to pursue Your glorious name.
Amen
(from www.lords-prayer-words.com)