

**Christianity
without disciple-
ship is always
Christianity
without Christ.**

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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16th Sunday Ordinary Time

SO MUCH COMING AND GOING

Fr. Danilo Imperial

There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples barely had time to eat. And so the Lord asked them to go off by themselves to some place where they could be alone and rest awhile.

If this was true during the Lord's time, all the more it is poignantly true today- so much coming and going that people barely have time to get in touch with their inner self. Not much opportunity to bundle up life's experiences and review where life is going. Many become slaves of the clock and prisoners of their obsessions and addictions.

There is definitely an urgency to constantly visit our spiritual space in solitude and prayer. For it is in solitude

Daily Readings of the Week

Jul 22	Sun:	Jer 23:1-6/ Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34
Jul 23	Mon:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/ Mt 12:38-42
Jul 24	Tues:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Mt 12:46-50
Jul 25	Wed:	2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 20:20-28
Jul 26	Thur:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12/ Mt 13:10-17
Jul 27	Fri:	Jer 3:14-17/ Mt 13:18-23
Jul 28	Sat:	Jer 7:1-11/ Mt 13:24-30



that life often comes to grips with core issues, opening it to higher aspiration in faith and establishing deeper anchors of commitment.

The disciples must have been ecstatic reporting their initial success in mission work. People just kept com-

ing. Research shows that success is relative to one's aspirations, zeal and commitment. But to which we may add: success is relative because it has so many relatives and friends, but often failure is a lonely widow.

Seeing the crowd, Jesus was

filled with compassion for they were like sheep without a shepherd. If success is getting what we want and happiness is wanting that we get, spiritual fulfillment is loving what we do. Here we see Jesus loving His mission and the people. He loved life and lived His love.

Do we also love our work and the people we work with? Do we treasure the love of our family? Is there zest in our life? Let us live our faith. Then we shall discover that we are not only successful and happy, but fulfilled and deeply in love with the Lord. A kind of loving that makes a difference. Loving that creates small miracles in life. Try it and you will never have regrets!

Sunday Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.

So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.

People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.

They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

"they were like sheep without a shepherd"

St. James, known as the Greater, in order to distinguish him from the other Apostle St. James, our Lord's cousin, was St. John's brother. In Spain, he is called El Señor Santiago, the patron saint of horsemen and soldiers, and his great shrine at Santiago de Compostela in that country has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. He is one of those that Jesus called Boanerges, "son of thunder," the brother of John the Evangelist and the son of Zebedee the fisherman from Galilee.

St. James the Greater and his brother John were apparently partners with those other two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and lived in Bethsaida, on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. How and where James first met Jesus, we do not know; but there is an old legend that makes Salome, his mother, a sister of Mary, and if this were the case, he would have known Jesus from childhood. Along with Peter and his brother John, James was part of the inner circle of Jesus, who witnessed the Transfiguration, were witnesses to certain of His miracles, like the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and accompanied Him to the Garden of Gethsemani. Like his brother, he was active in the work of evangelization after the



death of Jesus, and one legend, very unlikely, even has him going to Spain after Jesus' resurrection.

His prominence and his presence in Jerusalem must have been well known, for scarcely a dozen years after the Resurrection, he became involved in the political maneuverings of the day and was arrested and executed by King Herod Agrippa. This was followed by the arrest of Peter also, so his death must have been part of a purge of Christian leaders by Agrippa, who saw the new Christian movement as a threat to Judaism.

Jesus had foretold this kind of fate when He prophesied that James and his brother John would "drink of the same chalice" of suffering as Himself. The two brothers had asked to be seated at the right of Jesus and at His left in His kingdom, and Jesus told them that they would be with Him in a far different way than they expected.

James's death is the only biblical record we have of the death of one of the Apostles, and he was the first of that chosen band to give his life for his Master. His feast is celebrated on June 25.

Sharing of a Deacon:

By: Rev. Armand Christian Ortinero

After the 13 prolonged but gratifying years of patient waiting, I was finally conferred with the grace of ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon by His Grace, the Most Rev. Leonardo Z. Legaspi, O.P., D.D. on July 7, 2012 together with nine other seminarians from the Archdiocese of Caceres. That particular date was, I believe, the day masterfully intended by God to bestow me this grace of ordination since it coincides with my parents' 33rd wedding anniversary. I am the second among the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Armand & Evelyn Ortinero.

By the grace of God, our family is lucky to have been blessed with not only one but three vocations to the sacred life. My fourth sibling is at present a junior sister of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (ACI Sisters) and my sixth sibling, who happens to be my only brother, is also at present a 3rd year theology student at the UST Central seminary. My parents have unselfishly and "evenly" offered the three of us (2-4-6) to the Lord for they know full well that the Lord will repay us a hundredfold, it may not be of material wealth but the spiritual welfare of our family. Both my parents are active parishioners serving as a Lector and Eucharistic minister at our home Parish at St. Joseph, San Jose, Camarines Sur. And now, after my ordination, the first blessing came when I was appointed to serve as a Parochial Deacon at the Basilica Minore of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, Naga City. God indeed can never be outdone with generosity, and as St. Francis puts it, "It is in giving that we also receive!" To HIM be glory forever!



Catechesis:

What is a Deacon?

Deacon is a ministry in the Christian Church that is generally associated with service of some kind, but which varies among theological and denominational traditions. In many traditions the "diaconate", the term for a deacon's office, is a clerical office; in others it is for laity.

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word diakonos (διάκονος), which is a standard ancient Greek word meaning "servant", "waiting-man", "minister" or "messenger". One commonly promulgated speculation as to its etymology is that it literally means 'through the dust', referring to the dust raised by the busy servant or messenger.

In the years just prior to the Second Vatican Council, the only men ordained as deacons were seminarians who were completing the last year or so of graduate theological training, who received the order several months before priestly ordination.

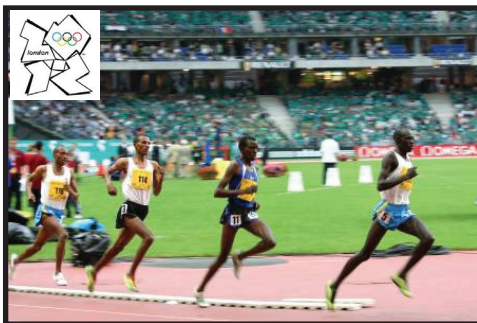
Following the recommendations of the council (in Lumen Gentium 29), in 1967 Pope Paul VI issued the motu proprio Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem, restoring the ancient practice of ordaining to the diaconate men who were not candidates for priestly ordination. These men are known as permanent deacons in contrast to those completing their training, who were then called transitional deacons. There is no sacramental difference between the two, however, as there is only one order of deacons.

Holy Mass in the Olympics

As part of the Catholic Church's engagement alongside the 2012 Olympic Games, there will be two large official Masses. The first, at Westminster Cathedral on July 28, will mark the start of the 30th Olympic Games. The second, to be held at St. George's Cathedral in Southwark in September will be a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of the 14th Paralympic Games.

The Catholic 2012 Office has sent out open invitations to Catholics to attend either or both of the Catholic Church's official Masses. The archbishops of Westminster and Southwark and the bishop of Brentwood will be present at the celebrations and diocesan bishops from around the country have been invited to concelebrate.

The apostolic nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Antonio Mennini, and the Archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Archbishop Roberto González Nieves, will also be in attendance at the Olympic Mass in Westminster Cathedral.



Music towards Unity

Pope Benedict XVI believes that music can help bring different nations and creeds together – as shown by the renowned West-Eastern Divan Orchestra that performed for him to mark St. Benedict's Day July 11.

"You can imagine how pleased I am to welcome an orchestra like this, that was born from the conviction that, indeed, the experience that music brings people together, beyond every division," he said, following the July 11 concert in the courtyard of his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo.

Music, he observed, "is harmony in differences, as happens every time you begin a concert with the 'ritual' of tuning."

Pope Benedict was joined by Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano in welcoming the youth orchestra under the baton of Daniel Barenboim. The Argentinian-born Jewish conductor co-founded the musical collective in 1999 as a way of uniting young Israeli and Arab musicians from across the Middle East.

Archdiocesan News

Bicol Bishops Meeting in Libmanan

The Bicol Bishops headed by Archbishop Legaspi gathered at the Diocese of Libmanan for their regular meeting last July 17. Among the things that they discussed were the status of mining and fishing in the region. The upcoming celebration of the Penafrancia Fiesta was also presented to the bishops. Also present were Bishop J. Rojas (Libmanan), J. Baylon (Legazpi), M. De los Santos (Virac), A. Bastes (Sorsogon), J. Bantolo (Masbate), G. Garcera (Daet) including Bishop Quiambao and Sorra, both retired bishops of Legazpi.



BASILICA NEWS

Basilica Joggers turn 25



The Basilica Joggers turned 25 last June 30 with an outreach feeding activity at the Missionaries of the Poor, Cararayan. For the past two decades and half, the basilica joggers had also been helping the basilica projects and activities. Now it has more than 50 active members headed by Mr. Raul Rocha as the President.

Wanted: Pilgrim Guides

The Penafrancia Pilgrimage Foundation is looking for Pilgrim Guides who will serve our visitors especially during the upcoming Penafrancia Fiesta. They will be trained as Museum assistants. The qualifications: A Catholic and INA's devotee; good communication skills and willing to serve our visitors and willing to undergo training. Orientation will be on July 27 at 4pm at the Basilica Hall. Interested parties can call the office at 4733644.

The foundation will also give stipends to the volunteers.

Cofradia de San Jose Formation



15 new voyadores were given formation by the team, while 22 other inactive members attended the 2-day formation given by the Adonai's Love formation team. Next formation will be held in August. Moreover, there are already ongoing formations being held in parishes lead by Msgr. Juan Celzo.

Basilica Schedule of Services

SUNDAY MASSES:

6:30 am(Bikol) (1st Sunday - Latin) 8:00 am(Bikol)
9:30 am (English) 11:00 am(Tagalog) 4:00pm(Bikol)
5:00 pm(English) 6:00 pm (English)

SATURDAY

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m (English) 5:00 pm Antici-
pated (English) 6:00 pm - Procession around Patio
6:15 pm - Healing

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m.(English) 5:15
p.m.(English)

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon 4:00 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m.

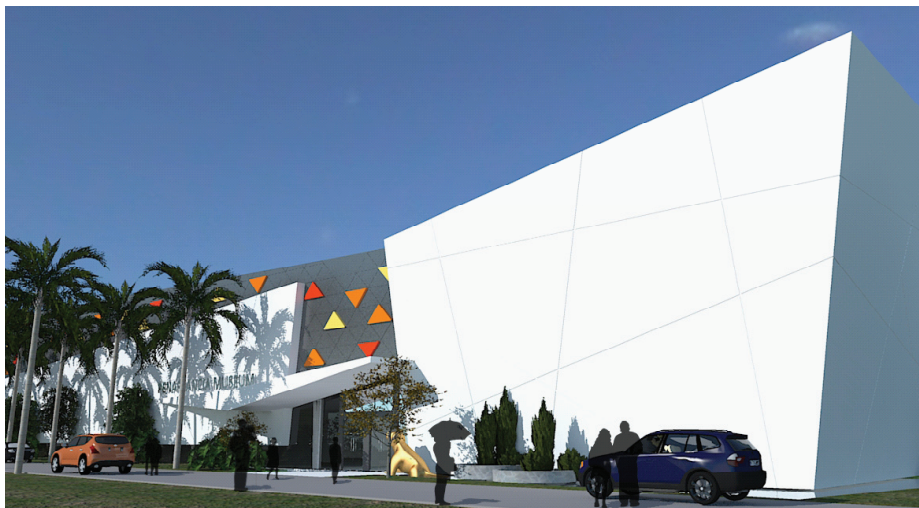
Weekdays

Wednesday - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
Thursday - 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
First Friday - 5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.
Saturday - 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

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