POPE: WORLD NEEDS VOICE OF TEACHER-PRIESTS

Reflects on Educational Mission That Comes With Ordination

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 14, 2010 (Zenit.org).- Though priests are called to preach a message that is not their own, they are also called to identify with that message, allowing themselves to be profoundly transformed in it.

This was the reflection made today by Benedict XVI at the general audience in St. Peter's Square. As the Year for Priests draws to a close (closing celebrations are scheduled for June 9-11), the Pope said he would dedicate a series of reflections to priestly ministry.

Today he took up the first of the three offices (teaching, sanctifying and governing) the priest receives, reflecting on the importance of the priest in the midst of an "educational emergency."

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"We live amid great confusion about the fundamental choices of our life," the Holy Father observed, saying there are "so many contrasting philosophies, which arise and disappear, creating confusion about the fundamental decisions."

But as promised in the Gospel, the Lord has compassion on his "sheep without a shepherd," the Pontiff said. "The Lord, moved by compassion, interpreted the word of God, he himself is the Word of God, and thus he gave guidance. This is the function 'in persona Christi' of the priest: to render present, in the confusion and disorientation of our times, the light of the Word of God, the light that is Christ himself in this our world."

This means, Benedict XVI explained, that the priest "does not teach his own ideas, a philosophy that he himself has invented, has found and that pleases him; [...] but, in the confusion of all the philosophies, the priest teaches in the name of Christ present, he proposes the truth that is Christ himself, his word, his way of living and of going forward."

Not a spokesman

The Pope clarified, however, that this does not mean the priest is "neutral" in relation to this word, "almost like a spokesman who reads a text which, perhaps, he does not appropriate."

Instead, like Jesus with the Father, the "priest who proclaims the word of Christ, the faith of the Church and not his own ideas, must also say: I do not live from myself and for myself, but I live with Christ and from Christ and because of this all that Christ has said to us becomes my word, even if it is not mine. [...]

"The teaching that the priest is called to give, the truth of the faith, must be internalized and lived in an intense personal spiritual journey, so that the priest really enters into a profound, interior communion with Christ himself. The priest believes, accepts and tries to live, first of all as his own, all that the Lord has taught and the Church has transmitted, in that journey of identification with the very ministry of which St John Mary Vianney is an exemplary witness."

This will mean that the priest is often called to be a countercultural voice, the Holy Father acknowledged. But he has a "prophetic force" in "showing the unique novelty capable of bringing about an authentic and profound renewal of man, namely that Christ is the Living One, and the nearby God, the God who operates in the life and for the life of the world and gives us truth, the way to live."

The priest is always a teacher, the Pontiff said, but should give his lesson "not with the presumption of one who imposes his own truth, rather with the humble and happy certainty of one who has found the Truth, who has been gripped and transformed, and because of this, can do nothing less than proclaim it."

The Bishop of Rome voiced an exhortation: "Dear brother priests, the Christian people ask to hear from our teachings the genuine ecclesial doctrine, by which to be able to renew the encounter with Christ who gives joy, peace, salvation. [...] 'Priestly ordination means: being immersed [...] in the Truth,' that Truth which is not simply a concept or a whole of ideas to transmit and assimilate, but which is the Person of Christ, with which, by which and in which to live."

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復活期

『耶穌對西滿說:「你餵養我的羔羊......你牧放我的羊群」。』

在今天三篇讀經的光照下,我們可進行以下三點反思:

(一) 主耶穌的寬恕模式

今天的福音章節告訴我們,主耶穌如何協助伯多祿復原。復活主沒有直接告訴伯多祿他必須要 祈求寬恕。復活主也沒有說什麽話來令伯多祿爲他過去所犯的錯誤感到內疚。復活主更沒有以 拒絕和伯多祿講話來表示對他的不滿,直到他道歉爲止。復活主以他特有的方式來寬恕伯多 祿,而這寬恕完全是建基于愛。讓我們學習主耶穌的寬恕模式,把寬恕和愛以柔和且慷慨大方 的方式帶給他人。

(二) 復活主帶給我們豐厚的恩寵

門徒們捕到滿船的魚幷且與主共進早餐,象徵他帶給相信他的人豐厚的恩寵,就好像耶穌以前在加納婚宴變水爲酒及五餅二魚喂飽五千人的故事所記述的一樣。儘管這是主耶穌復活後的事迹,這也就滿全了福音開始時的話:"從他的滿盈中,我們都領受了恩寵,而且恩寵上加恩寵。"(若一16)門徒們捕到大量的魚及與主共進早餐,都是在展示在復活主身上有著要賜給我們的豐厚恩寵。我們是否意識到當我們跟隨主後,我們的生命便充滿了豐厚的恩寵呢?

(三) 每一個人愛主的方式有不同的表達

我們知道伯多祿在後來爲信仰殉道。這爲那些沒有爲信仰而死的人來說,是否就意味著他們愛主愛得比較少呢?伯多祿問主耶穌那位他所愛的門徒會怎麼樣。他的見證是否會因爲沒有殉道而變得比較次等呢?主耶穌很直截了當地批評他說,這是兩碼事,不能拿來做比較。同樣地,神職人員和修道人是不能拿來和教友的聖召做比較的。三種不同的召叫在天主前都是平等的。重點不在于我們的生活方式,而是在于我們日常生活的行爲是否建基于愛上。究竟哪一種生活方式比較神聖,在于各自如何在自己的召叫中去活出基督的謙遜和愛。我們都領受不同的恩寵去活出我們的召叫,我們不需要去和他人做比較。

從4月到6月,教會將有7位新真福

(梵蒂岡電台訊)自 4 月至 6 月,天主教會將宣聖 7 位真福,其中一位是波蘭神父耶日·波比耶島什科(JerzyPopiełuszko),他在波蘭共產主義政權時被殺害。聖座禮儀處 4 月 14 日宣布,即將舉行列真福品的日期。這些新真福生命裡的虔誠、愛德、受苦或使徒的愛,都與福音的光照結合在一起。耶日·波比耶島什科神父所走的是殉道之路,他是波蘭團結工會(Solidarność)的靈修指導司鐸,在共產政權統治波蘭時被殘酷地殺害。耶日·波比耶島什科神父的列真福品儀式,將於 6 月 6 日在華沙舉行。爲信仰與自由犧牲性命的殉道者耶日·波比耶島什科神父總是勸誡他的同胞以福音的名義和平地反抗獨裁。他說:「爲真理作證的人是自由之人,即使是在遭遇脅迫的情況下。」。

這七位新真福中,貝爾納多·弗朗西斯科·德奧約斯將首先在4月11日,於西班牙巴利亞多利得主教座堂被列爲真福。貝爾納多·弗朗西斯科·德奧約斯是耶穌會神父,在24歲時死於傷寒。他以在西班牙傳揚「奉獻於耶穌聖心敬禮」爲使命。

4月25日,在羅馬拉特朗大殿將舉行安杰羅·保利的列真福品儀式。安杰羅·保利是加爾默羅會神父。教宗若望保祿二世在1999年時曾說:安杰羅·保利被稱爲「窮人之父」,他奉獻自己的生命給聖體及愛德。他也是羅馬里奧內區明愛會前身(ante literram della Caritas)的創辦人。安杰羅·保利神父是第一位將十字架與鬥獸場連在一起的人,他開始了在羅馬的圓形古競技場拜苦路的禮儀。

同一天,4月25日在西班牙巴塞隆納的海星聖母大殿,何塞·托斯 索萊爾(José Tous y Soler)將被列爲真福。他是善牧之母加布遣修女會(Istituto delle Suore Cappuccine della Madre del Divino Pastore)會祖。他在舉行彌撒時讀了這幾句話後死亡:「請您慈藹的目光,注視著我們的獻禮,一如您曾接受了亞伯的獻禮,這位義人……」當時他彎下身子,呼吸了最後一口氣。

5月22日,隆重的聖神降臨瞻禮在貝內文托(Benevento)的恩寵之母大殿將舉行泰雷薩·曼加涅洛的列真福品。她雖然沒有受過教育,卻是方濟各第三會在伊爾皮尼阿及桑尼奧的推廣肇始者。泰雷薩·曼加涅洛貝親切地被稱爲「文盲智者」,因爲她獻身於照顧身邊那些有需要的人。

5月30日,主日。在羅馬聖母雪地大殿,瑪利亞·皮耶里納·德米凱利將被列爲真福。瑪利亞·皮耶里納·德米凱利是阿根廷布宜諾斯艾利斯聖母無染原罪受孕孝女會(la Congregazione delle Figlie dell'Immacolata Concezione di Buenos Aires)修女。她一生致力於推廣耶穌聖容敬禮,在她的日記裡她寫她感到:「無限需要與耶穌更加結合在一起並且熱愛耶穌,因爲死亡不過是到新郎那兒的一個過程。」。

6月12日,星期六。在西班牙利納雷斯(Linares)將舉行馬努埃萊·洛扎禮·加里多的列真福品。馬努埃萊·洛扎禮·加里多是位記者及作家,他是位坐在輪椅上的殘障及視障人士,深受聖體及瑪利亞靈修精神的影響。在他的一封信裡寫道:「我想當記者,但沒去上學;小使徒的夢想是可以成爲記者,停下追尋的腳步。我的理想與我的聖召,仍然在我面前。如此豐富圓滿,是我從沒能夠夢想到的。」。

復活期第三週讀經、福音章節

3rd Week of Easter Daily Reading

主日 S 宗 Acts 5:27-32,40-41;

默 Rev 5:11-14; 若 Jn 21:1-19

一 M 宗 Acts 6:8-15; 若 Jn 6:22-29

二 T 宗 Acts 7:51-8:1;若 Jn 6:30-35

三W 宗 Acts 8:1-8; 若 Jn 6:35-40

四 T 宗 Acts 8:26-40; 若 Jn 6:44-51

五F 宗 Acts 9:1-20; 若 Jn 6:52-59

六S 宗 Acts 9:31-42; 若 Jn 6:60-69

Praying the Rosary

Twenty minutes before all three Sunday Masses on April 24 & 25, the Rosary will be recited in devotion to Mary. Please arrive on time so that we can pray together.

恭念玫瑰經

堂區於四月廿四、廿五日三台主日彌撒前二十 分鐘,將恭念玫瑰經,特敬聖母。請各位教友 準時出席,一起參與這項熱心敬禮。

生命恩泉

生命恩泉透過多個媒體,誠意將天主教的不同面貌及福音訊息帶給大家.生命恩泉現於新時代電視(Shaw 181/182, Bell 717/718)星期日五時三十五分下午廣播.聖物部現有第一,二季生命恩泉 DVD,及音樂 CD 發售. 支持在加拿大的中文天主教廣播,又可以將福音訊息帶給身邊的親友. 教友可於彌撒後聖物部選購.

新時代電視 - 星期日

三時三十五分下午(Shaw 182 Bell 717 Eastern) 五時三十五分下午(Shaw 181 Bell 718 Pacific)

Sunday Collection 主日彌撒捐獻

二零一零四月十、十一日 April 10 & 11, 2010 主日捐獻Sunday Collection \$2,419.25 特別捐獻Special Offering \$ 254.89 Allin Pharmacy \$ 420.00 社交舞班Dancing Class 71.50 發展與和平Development & Peace \$ 10.00 捐贈食物庫Food Bank \$ 250.00 祈禱宗會Prayer Group 44.86 維修Maintenance \$ 271.00

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Office of Pastoral Care and Life Initiatives ...

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You are invited to register for a free workshop on Bringing Communion to the Sick, being offered on two different dates: **Thursday**, **May 6**, or **Thursday**, **June 10**. The two-hour workshop, presented by Rose Marie Fowler, will cover proper handling and reverence of the Blessed Sacrament, rituals, rites and pastoral practices, and practical tips. Space is limited; register early by contacting Gloria at 780-469-1010 ext. 247 or gpigat@caedm.ca