

Marriage can Save Society, says Pope

(05 May 10 - RV) During his General Audience this Wednesday, Pope Benedict XVI told pilgrims that marriage can save society. His comments came in greetings to a group of pilgrims from Jönköping Sweden, where a Conference on the Family will take place later this month.

Speaking in English he said: "Marriage is truly an instrument of salvation, not only for married people but for the whole of society. Like any truly worthwhile goal, it places demands upon us, it challenges us, it calls us to be prepared to sacrifice our own interests for the good of the other. It requires us to exercise tolerance and to offer forgiveness. It invites us to nurture and protect the gift of new life. Those of us fortunate enough to be born into a stable family discover there the first and most fundamental school for virtuous living and the qualities of good citizenship. I encourage all of you in your efforts to promote a proper understanding and appreciation of the inestimable good that marriage and family life offer to human society"

The Pope noted that "God's gift to us of marriage and family life enables us to experience something of the infinite love that unites the three divine persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, are made for love – indeed at the core of our being, we long to love and to be loved in return. Only God's love can fully satisfy our deepest needs, and yet through the love of husband and wife, the love of parents and children, the love of siblings for one another, we are offered a foretaste of the boundless love that awaits us in the life to come".

Earlier, in his catechesis in Italian, the Holy Father had reflected on his weekend trip to Turin to venerate the Holy Shroud: "During my recent visit to Turin, I prayed before the sacred Shroud, which invites us to contemplate the face of Christ and to ponder the mystery of his death and resurrection. As members of Christ's Body, the Church, all the baptized are called to share in his saving work".

The Pope also reflecting on the Year for Priests, which is in its final stages, "I would like to return to the specific ministry of the priest and, today, to his ministry of sanctification. Holiness, as we know, is proper to God, who is himself absolute truth, goodness, love and beauty. As ministers of Christ, priests bring us into life-giving contact with the mystery of God's holiness".

"Thanks to the priest's preaching of the Gospel and his celebration of the sacraments, we are enabled to approach God and to be transformed gradually into the divine image. In the celebration of the sacraments, and in particular the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Christ's sanctifying work is constantly made present and effective. In their devout celebration of the sacraments, priests sanctify the faithful and are themselves sanctified and configured ever more closely to Christ. I ask all of you to pray for priests and their ministry of sanctification, that they may be true shepherds according to God's heart".



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『天主上升，有歡呼聲護送，上主騰空，有號角聲相從。』

在今天三篇讀經的光照下，我們可進行以下三點反思：

(一) 使命的傳承

主耶穌的升天就像是在接力賽跑中，接力棒的交接。在接力賽跑中，接力棒不斷地從一個人的手中交接到另一個人手中。我們基督徒使命的傳承也是如此。主耶穌離開塵世，把他的使命交給門徒們，代代相傳。歷代的基督徒中擁有衆多拋頭顱灑熱血的信仰勇士。今天我們能繼承這個信仰，也就是他們為基督英勇見證所結出的果實。我們已經繼承這一信仰，如今我們應當把我們所繼承的信仰，努力實踐并傳播出去。

(二) 見證基督從我開始

主耶穌對門徒說：“你們是我的見證人。”這意味著每一位跟隨主耶穌的人都是他的生命、死亡和復活的見證人。有些基督徒想舒舒服服地過日子，把信仰放在腦子裏，而沒有實踐出來。或許很多人認為自己沒能力以寫文章或公開宣講來為主耶穌基督作證；但是有一點是每個人都能做到的，那就是在生活中努力活出基督的教導。如果我們要為基督作見證，那麼起碼得從個人的生活中去活出基督的教導和價值觀，好讓人們看到主耶穌的教導確實能帶給我們豐盛的生命。

(三) 基督信仰帶給世界希望

基督的升天象徵著我們的希望。身在這個充滿罪惡和痛苦的世界裏，人們必須找到希望才能有勇氣去面對生命中的破碎。現今的世界能給予人們的是一些對物質財富以及經濟發展的希望，這些都是短暫及表面化的希望。基督信仰帶給人們的是深遠的希望。這個希望是超越現世，進入永恆的希望。我們的信仰幫助我們看得更廣、更遠。我們不會滿足于自己的物質享受，而無視于世上上千萬人的饑餓和貧困。我們必須為弱小的人們實踐正義，為貧窮的人們實行仁愛。我們最終的希望就是進入那永恆的國度，那與天主永遠相偕的國度。

復活期第七週讀經、福音章節 7th Week of Easter Daily Reading

主日 S 宗 Acts 1:1-11;
希 Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23;
路 Lk 24:45-53
一 M 宗 Acts 19:1-8; 若 Jn 16:29-33
二 T 宗 Acts 20:17-27; 若 Jn 17:1-11
三 W 宗 Acts 20:28-38; 若 Jn 17:11-19
四 T 宗 Acts 22:30;23:6-11;
若 Jn 17:20-26
五 F 宗 Acts 25:13-21; 若 Jn 21:15-19
六 S 宗 Acts 28:16-20,30-31;
若 Jn 21:20-25

主日彌撒捐獻 Sunday Collection

二零一零五月八、九日 May 8 & 9, 2010

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| 主日捐獻 Sunday Collection | \$2,981.42 |
| 特別捐獻 Special Offering | \$ 95.00 |
| 其他捐獻 Other Offering | \$ 186.50 |
| 維修 Renovation | \$ 330.00 |

慈幼中文學校開放日

慈幼中文學校將於五月二十九日(星期六)上午九時半至中午十二時在本堂會議室舉行開放日，屆時並派發新學年(2010-2011年度)由幼稚園低班(3歲)至14班之入學申請表，現誠意邀請各位主內的兄弟姐妹帶同親友一起參觀學生們的展品。

特別消息

五月二十三日(主日)是我們堂區一個重大日子，在當天，除了有兩位小朋友，
梁苑庭 LEUNG, Jasmine Sophia
周晉華 CHAU, Francisco
在十一時彌撒初次領受聖體聖事外，更在感恩祭中恭請 Richard Smith 總主教為8位小朋友施放堅振。該8位小朋友是：

陳建行 CHAN, Kelvin
鍾麗兒 CHUNG, Shavonnie
劉浚傑 LAU, Martin
梁穎嫻 LEUNG, Cassandra
雷詠恩 LUI, Sylvia
羅永盈 LO, Joyce
馬嘉雯 MA, Carmen
蕭詠淇 SIU, Jessica

請大家齊來分享這份喜悅。彌撒後在禮堂舉行 Potluck 聚餐，堂區現邀請各位教友按各自家庭人數預備一份小菜或美食與總主教及其他兄弟姐妹一齊分享。

信仰培育講座

居住卡加利的鄔維揚執事，將於六月十一至十三日(星期五、六、日)到訪本堂區，主持信仰培育講座和電影分享，一共有三講，分別在十一日星期五晚上、十二日星期六下午和星期六晚上舉行，時間和主題於稍後公佈，請大家密切留意堂區的宣佈。

教宗本篤十六世在法蒂瑪聖母像前祈禱，把所有人托付給聖母

(梵蒂岡電臺訊) 教宗在 12 日到葡萄牙法蒂瑪訪問的首要活動是到聖母顯現小堂向聖母祈禱。這是個非常重要的時刻。教宗虔誠的跪在聖母像前，這裏就是聖母顯現給 3 位小牧童的地方。

教宗在他的祈禱文中說：“我如同探望母親的兒子，由眾多的弟兄姊妹陪伴著到你面前，向你的無玷聖心獻上孩子們的喜悅及希望……問題及痛苦：我把所有人托付給你”。教宗提到，先教宗若望保祿二世來法蒂瑪時感謝“那只無形的手”把他從 1981 年 5 月 13 日遇刺的死亡中解救出來，把一枚子彈奉獻給聖母，這枚子彈曾嚴重傷害到他，他把它放在聖母雕像的花冠前。

教宗繼續他的祈禱說：“知道你的加冕不僅用我們喜悅和希望的金銀，也用我們憂慮和痛苦的‘子彈’，這為我們是一大安慰。”教宗感謝法蒂瑪的牧童們在聖母的啟發下為教宗的祈禱和作的刻苦，也感謝每天所有為伯多祿的繼承人祈禱的人，好讓教宗在信德中堅強，在希望中有魄力，在愛中熱心。最後教宗向聖母獻上一支金玫瑰，作為對全能天主藉著瑪利亞在來到法蒂瑪的許多朝聖者心中所行的事的驚嘆與感激。

The Reason for our Hope

Archbishop Smith is now blogging! Visit [The Reason for our Hope](#) for weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings, posted every Monday. "The intent will be to draw out from them 'the reason for our hope,'" says Archbishop Smith. "Regardless of circumstances, the Christian is a person of real and abiding hope. The reason is Jesus Christ. Risen from the dead, he remains always present with his people, just as he promised (cf. Matthew 28:20). Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, he dwells within us in a communion of love. He who abides in us invites us to abide in him (cf. John 15:4), and to find in this communion a peace the world cannot give (cf. John 14: 27), a peace that gives rise to hope."

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