

Pope says Faith in God is Reasonable

(23 Jun 10 – RV) It is not foolish to have faith in God, on the contrary it is reasonable, because, as St Thomas Aquinas taught, human intelligence is limited and cannot know everything. For a third week Pope Benedict XVI dedicated his Wednesday audience to the Angelic Doctor, in particular to his master work in theology, the "*Summa Theologiae*".

In comments in Italian the Pope said: "To those who object that faith is foolish because it makes us believe something that does not enter into the experience of the senses, St. Thomas offers a very detailed response, claiming that this is an inconsistent objection because human intelligence is limited and cannot know everything".

The Pope said "In his 'Summa' St. Thomas starts from the fact that God exists in three different ways: God exists in Himself, He is the principle and end of all things, so all creatures come from and depend upon Him. Secondly, God is present through His Grace in the life and activity of Christians, of the saints. Finally, God is present in a very special way in the person of Christ, and in the Sacraments which derive from His work of redemption".

The Holy Father went on: "What St. Thomas explained with academic rigour in his main theological works such as the 'Summa Theologica' was also expressed in his preaching", the content of which "corresponds almost in its entirety to the structure of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indeed, in a time such as our own of renewed commitment to evangelisation, catechism and preaching must never lack the following fundamental themes: what we believe, i.e., the Creed; what we pray, i.e., the Our Father and the Ave Maria; and what we live as biblical revelation teaches us, i.e., the law of the love of God and neighbour and the Ten Commandments".

"In his brief '*Devotissima expositio super symbolum apostolorum*', St. Thomas explains the importance of faith. Through it, he says, the soul is united to God, ... life is given a clear direction and we can easily overcome temptations. To those who object that faith is foolish because it makes us believe something that does not enter into the experience of the senses, St. Thomas offers a very detailed response, claiming that this is an inconsistent objection because human intelligence is limited and cannot know everything.

"Only if we were able to have perfect knowledge of all things visible and invisible would it be foolish to accept truth out of pure faith", said the Pope. "Moreover, as St. Thomas observes, it is impossible to live without entrusting ourselves to the experience of others, when our personal knowledge does not extend far enough. Thus it is reasonable to have faith in God Who reveals Himself, and in the witness of the Apostles".



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『手扶著犁而往後看的，不適用於天主的國。』

從今天的三篇經文中，我們可以做出以下三點反省：

(一) 基督徒絕對不能使用暴力

當我們被侮辱時，是否有權利去傷害侮辱我們的人？當我們要達到一個聖善的目的時，我們是否能以暴力作為工具？絕對不可。因為暴力衍生暴力，而主耶穌來到我們當中就為了制止暴力的惡性循環而犧牲自己的性命，他沒有對殺害他的人進行報復，反而寬恕了他們。

(二) 在自己的生活崗位上作門徒

我們目前所處的生活環境和周遭所遇到的人，不是我們追隨主的障礙。我們所投身的生活，就是我們行使基督徒使命的機會。作門徒的要求不是要完全改變我們目前的生活方式，我們要改變的是我們的價值觀和心態。我們該在自己所投身的生活方式和環境中去作門徒。

(三) 追隨基督要有義無反顧的精神

主耶穌在今天福音章節說的話，不只是對神職或修道人員說的，而是對所有基督徒說的。我們經常以父母、孩子、伴侶、工作、學習、健康等，作為藉口來免除我們作門徒的責任。其實，我們最大的問題是不能認同主耶穌的價值觀。有多少次我們對自己說：

“讓我吃了這一頓大餐後才來減肥。讓我完成了這項工作後才來祈禱。讓我多賺一點錢後才來成家。”我們都很忙，忙著去得到我們心目中最重要，最想要得到的東西。如果我們真的把天主當成我們心目中的第一位，那麼我們就不會如此拖拖拉拉地回應作門徒的召喚。

常年期第十三週讀經、福音章節
13th Week of the Year Daily Reading

主日 S 列上 I Kgs 19:16,19-21;
迦 Gal 5:1,13-18;
路 Lk 9:51-62
一 M 亞 Am 2:6-10,13-16; 瑪 Mt 8:18-22
二 T 宗 Acts 12:1-11;
弟後 II Tm 4:6-8,17-18;
瑪 Mt 16:13-19
三 W 亞 Am 5:14-15,21-24;
瑪 Mt 8:28-34
四 T 亞 Am 7:10-17; 瑪 Mt 9:1-8
五 F 亞 Am 8:4-6,9-12; 瑪 Mt 9:9-13
六 S 弗 Eph 2:19-22; 若 Jn 20:24-29

主日彌撒捐獻 Sunday Collection

二零一零六月十九、二十日
June 19 & 20, 2010

主日捐獻 Sunday Collection	\$2,522.88
聖若瑟書院 St. Joseph College	\$1,844.00
特別捐獻 Special Offering	\$ 105.00
其他捐獻 Other Offering	\$ 150.00
維修 Renovation	\$ 45.00

堂區通訊消息

堂區通訊將於七、八月暑假期間每月出版一次，今年出版日期為七月四日及八月一日，八月廿九日開始恢復每星期出版。各小組如有消息須要公佈，請預早來稿，以便處理。多謝各位合作及留意。
*請留意，堂區通訊每期的截稿日期是出版前兩個主日上午十一時。

慈幼中文學校招生

由本堂區主辦的慈幼中文學校現正招收二零一零至二零一一年度新生，凡年齡在三歲以上，有興趣學習講寫讀中文的青少年均可報名。中文學校的宗旨是「傳揚中華文化、廣傳基督福音」。堂區希望藉著中文學校能夠使我們的下一代學習和保存中華文化，並且能通過老師、教職員的言行和表樣去發揚基督的精神。

中文學校開課日期為二零一零年九月十八日，上課地點在本堂，時間是每星期六上午九時半至中午十二時，學費及書部費全年 145 元，七月十五日前報名及交學費減收 10 元 (即 135 元)。報名表可向詢問處索取，如有問題可向校長 Fanny Ho 查詢，電話 780-438-1678。

堂區野餐

日期：七月十八日(星期日)
時間：下午三時至八時
地點：Victoria Park Site #2
內容：野餐、有益身心的戶外活動

餐票在彌撒後於詢問處開始發售，票價為
十二歲以上每位八元
六歲至十二歲每位四元
六歲以下免費

請各位教友踴躍購票。

特別消息

慈幼會中華會省張志誠神父將於七月到溫哥華探訪，順道探訪卡加利和愛民頓。張神父定於七月廿四及廿五日到愛民頓為本堂教友主持中文彌撒及講座，詳情稍後公佈。

Parish Picnic

Date: July 18 (Sunday)
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Victoria Park Site #2
Content: Picnicing, outdoor activities
good for you and your family

Tickets are available at Information Desk after Mass. Ticket prices are: age 12 and up \$8/ea, age 6-12 \$4/ea, age 6 and under free of charge.

Publication of Parish Newsletter

During the months of July and August, Parish Newsletter will be published only in July 4 & August 1. Regular weekly publication will resume on August 29. Parish groups intending to publish any news please supply it ahead of time to facilitate arrangement. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Salt + Light | Beloved
(Saturday July 10, 9pm ET)

In celebration of the feast of St. Cecilia, Salt + Light presents the original documentary **Beloved: The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia**. Witness how the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have embraced God's love in the living of their vows and apostolic life. Visit saltandlighttv.org or call 1.888.302.7181 for more information.

OneRock

Saturday, August 21
Rockyford, Alberta

Archbishop Smith has issued us a challenge: "I would like to see 1,000 young people from the Archdiocese go to Madrid! How can we, together, make this happen?" You can begin by joining other pilgrims and young adults to celebrate World Youth Day @ Home 2010! OneRock will be a faith-charged day of praise and worship, lectures, social networking, prayer and Christian rock concerts with performances that will inspire you to share your faith. Highlights include Mass with Bishop Henry and concerts by Matt Maher, Ceili Rain and Steve Angrisano.
This event is not to be missed!

Ordination to Priesthood

Monday, June 28, 7 p.m.

St. Joseph's Basilica

Deacon Dean Dowle's journey to priesthood culminates in the celebration of his ordination at St. Joseph's Basilica. This special liturgy will also fittingly mark the end of the Year for Priests. Deacon Dean's first assignment as a priest will be as associate pastor at the Basilica. After years of study and formation at St. Joseph's Seminary, he says he is looking forward to sharing his friendship with Christ: "I can't think of anything else I'd rather be able to do with my life, than to be able to share with other people in this Archdiocese, in God's Church, in the world."