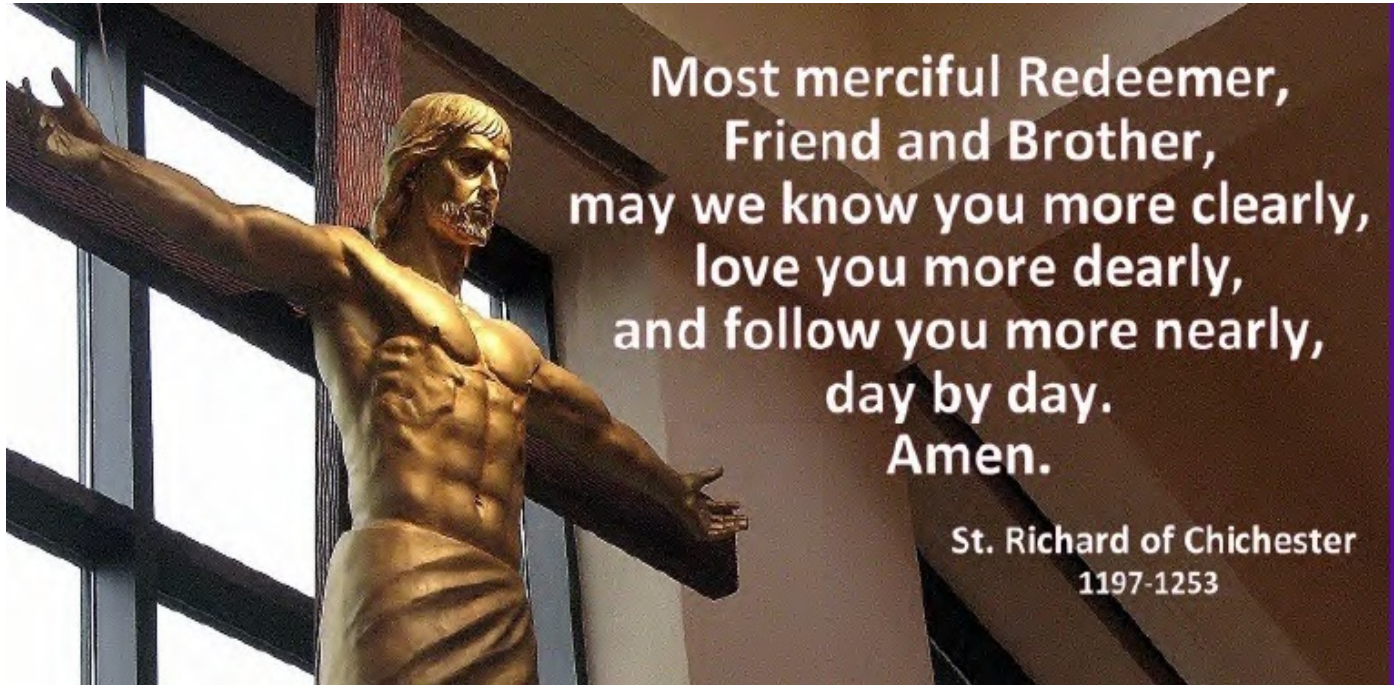


July 19, 2015

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, SACS-*accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. Child Care for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1 for information.

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Sunday, July 19 — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the Banquet Hall of the Corpus Christi Community Center

The blood you donate with LifeSouth stays in our community.

All donors get a T-shirt.

Info: 888-795-2707 or www.lifesouth.org.

Please support the advertisers on the back of the bulletin

Their ads enable us to have our bulletins printed at no cost to the parish. Ads are purchased through Diocesan Publications. For info contact them at 1-800-292-9111 or www.diocesan.com.

Our Church Bulletins are Online.

Please note the instructive insert pages in our Sunday bulletins. More than 3 years' worth of previous bulletins are available for viewing and/or printing at www.CorpusChristiParish.com: (click the "Sunday Bulletin" tab on the left side of the Church home page.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Openings available: For registration & info, please call 342-5474, ext. 1, or visit www.CorpusChristiParish.com/School.

Summer Office Hours: *During the month of July* the office will be open Wednesday, July 22 & 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *During the month of August* the office will be open Monday through Friday, August 3 through August 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Families Welcoming Dinner: Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Community Center.

Drop-Off Books & Supplies: Grades K3-8, Fri., Aug 14, 10 am-12 noon

New School Year Begins Monday, Aug. 17. Noon Dismissal.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. *in the Parish House*

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Damian Bell, 639-2522 or 367-4486 or Damian@rockbwm.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@gmail.com

Women of Mary

Resumes August 19.

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Room 3 (2nd Floor of the Community Center)

All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: 2nd Tues., Aug. 11, 7 p.m., at the Parish House.

Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.



CORPUS CHRISTI BOOSTER CLUB 25th Annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 1, 8:30 a.m.
Magnolia Grove Golf Course

\$125 per person or \$500 for a 4-person team.

\$600 Corporate Sponsor, includes Golf for 4 & Hole Sponsorship.

Format: 4-person scramble.

Entry fee includes

18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages, snacks, prizes.

Register online at www.ccsboosterclub.com

For further info, or to sponsor the event, please contact
Jay Henley at jayhen3@gmail.com.

ONE FAITH

Love is Our Mission

ONE FAMILY

August 21, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

August 22, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mobile Convention Center

Online reservations at www.onefaithonefamilymobile.org

Individual: \$40 • Family: \$65

Event includes

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Archbishop Rodi.

Nationally Renowned Musician Matt Maher

Speakers: Dr. Brant Pitre, Damon Owens & Cari Donaldson.

Child Care/Activities provided for families for ages 10 & under.

Food will be available to purchase for Lunch on Saturday at the Concession Stand. You may also feel free to pack a lunch and eat at Cooper Riverside Park just outside the Convention Center.

Info: Email Family Life Office, parensberg@mobilearchdiocese.org or call 434-1530, or contact Sean & Cynthia Wentworth, 343-5366 or spw98@yahoo.com or cynwen@yahoo.com.

Vendor Tables For

Business & Ministries of the Archdiocese

Vendor tables are available for very reasonable rates; each table includes two conference admissions.

Info: www.onefaithonefamilymobile.org. For a vendor packet, please email Tom and Caroline McDonald at caromcd@bellsouth.net.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"In-Need" Drop Box next to the food pantry box in the vestibule. Fill out a card, and deposit it in the locked drop box. Your info will be held in strict confidence and a member of our society will contact you.

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

Nathaniel Robertson's Eagle Scout Project:***Servicing the Corpus Christi Preschool***

Dear Parishioners and friends: My name is Nathaniel Robertson and I am a Corpus Christi Parishioner and Life Scout working on my Eagle Rank at Corpus Christi's very own Troop 29. In Corpus Christi's Preschool Playground, I will be remaking the sandbox and building a few benches for sitting. Donations of any amount for this service project would be greatly appreciated, and would be tax-deductible. If writing a check, please write to Troop 29 with an indication of Nathaniel Robertson's Eagle Scout Project and mail to 415 Hounds Run E Mobile, AL 36608. For any questions call 251-304-0438 or email at DeedahNJR@gmail.com. *Thank You for your help!*

Corpus Christi Booster Club**CYO Sports Registration**

Register & order uniforms for Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country and Cheerleading online at www.ccsboosterclub.com.

Head Coach Applications

Go to the Head Coach link to fill out an application.

Contact Bill Hamilton at bill@hambo.net with any questions.

Summer Drama Camp — for new 3rd to 8th Graders
July 20-24, 8 a.m.-12 noon. \$75/child includes T-shirt. Bring snack
Info: Toni Counts, TCOUNTS@copruschristiparish.com. Registration forms online, www.CorpusChristiParish.com/school & school office.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7 p.m. meeting in the Parish House

(except on 2nd Tuesday of the month, meet in the school library)

Dave Burchette, 367-6660.

Welcome New Parishioners

John Daigle

Mickey & Megan Smith and their son, Francis

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Joshua David Crowley & Allison Faye Lord

Flowers

The flowers before the altar last weekend were given from the wedding of

Joshua David Crowley & Allison Faye Lord

REST IN PEACE

Frank X. O'Hara

(brother of Mike O'Hara)

Flowers

The flowers before the altar this weekend have been placed in memory of

Armand Manning

on the 4th anniversary of his death.

Given by his family.

Around the Archdiocese: "Fun in the Son" Discernment Retreat

on Mobile Bay for single women 17-35. Aug. 7-8 with Fr. Victor Ingalls & Little Sisters of the Poor. No charge. Contact Sr. Carolyn, lsp at vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 591-3700 by Aug. 4. **McGill-Toolen Class of 2005 reunion** July 25, campus tour & Mass, festivities at Ralph & Kacoo's on the Causeway (formerly Lap's). Advance tickets \$40; \$50 at door. Info & tickets: <http://mccgilltoolenclassof2005.weebly.com/> **Bible Institute** at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, AL: "John: A Gospel of Contrasts," July 31 - Aug. 2. Presenter: Biblical scholar, Fr. Gary Banks, S.T. Cost \$180 fee, meals & accommodations; or \$90 without accommodations. Info: 334-855-4474. **Summer Men's Retreat**, July 31-Aug. 2 at Visitation Monastery with Fr. Stephen Vrazel. Register at <http://www.menofstjoseph.com>. Info: Chris Calametti at 423-9698 or cala001Wbellsouth.net, or Tommy Fulton, 422-2556 or tommy@tommyfulton.com.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: Tithing Offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Corpus Christi Building Fund.

MISSIONARY CO-OP COLLECTION: \$4,592.02

JULY 12TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,124.00

JULY 12TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$27,206.57

Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all who tithe and contribute to support God's work here, and those who make a special bequest in their will for Corpus Christi Church. For info, or to transfer shares of stock to Corpus Christi Church, contact your stockbroker, or call Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley at 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

**Offering Envelopes**

To receive Offering Envelopes, just notify the parish office at 342-1852 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

**Online Giving**

With Online Giving you can make either a one-time contribution or set up a recurring withdrawal from a checking, saving or credit card account. Just go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to tithing or building fund, school annual fund or other special collections. **For assistance**, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or parish office, 342-1852.

Reports of Contributions

You can always receive a report of your contributions any time by mail, email, fax. Also: You can receive a detailed report, showing each individual amount given, with date, check number or "EFT" or "Cash" or "Stock." Just notify the parish office 342-8152 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com to have it mailed or emailed to you, or to have it available for pick-up at the parish office.

**Good internet websites
for the latest in Catholic news:**

CRUX: www.CruxNow.com

Catholic News Service: www.catholicnews.com

Vatican Radio: en.radiovaticana.va



Want to preach the Gospel effectively? Be welcoming.

In the final homily of his trip to South America, in Paraguay, Pope Francis said that a key aspect of Christian spirituality and evangelization is to have a welcoming attitude toward others, especially those most in need.

“When Jesus, as the good teacher, commissions the disciples to proclaim the Good News, he tells

them not to take anything for themselves except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money; instead, he sends them out to be welcomed, to experience hospitality. Rather than going out as men with influence, with dominance or as officials with rules, the disciples are being shown by Jesus that the Christian journey is about changing hearts.”

“How many times do we see evangelization as involving any number of strategies, tactics, maneuvers, techniques, as if we could convert people on the basis of our own arguments? In the Gospel we see that you do not convince people with arguments, strategies or tactics. You convince them by learning how to welcome them. It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love. The Church is the home of hospitality, she is a mother who knows how to welcome and accept with an open heart, particularly those who are in greatest need.”

“How much good we can do, if only we try to speak the language of hospitality, of welcome! How much pain can be soothed, how much despair can be allayed in a place where we feel at home! Welcoming the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner, the leper and the paralytic.” Pope Francis also stressed the importance of welcoming those who don’t think the same as we do, who do not have faith or who have lost it, as well as the persecuted, the unemployed and those in different cultures... and sinners.’

Welcome!

I believe that **WELCOME** is the first step of the Christian spiritual life in order to become true disciples of Christ. Think about it: if we do not welcome the person of Christ into our lives, we will not come to know him or love him or serve him.

In the Book of Revelation, Christ is portrayed as standing at the door (of our lives, our hearts) knocking. At first he is the stranger knocking at our door. “If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person.” (Rev. 3:20). In the Bible, to eat with another is a sign of intimacy and communion.

Welcoming also means opening shut doors and has implications for how we treat those whom society shuts out in any way (especially the poor and those judged as failures). Welcoming others is very important. We must always be vigilant to be sure we are truly a hospitable parish. We need to regularly ask ourselves, “How do we treat the stranger (and the strange one) who comes to our parish? How do we treat one another as we enter the House of God? Do we smile, do we say ‘hello,’ do we assist the visitor? How do we also do this in our neighborhoods, schools and places of work? How do we welcome the poor?”

Let us welcome others as they are, just as Christ welcomes us!

—Fr. John Phillips, Pastor of Holy Faith Church, Gainesville, FL



Leave the whip in the sacristy! Do not terrorize the faithful! Don't make them run away!

In a homily in Rome on June 15, Pope Francis told priests to seek the lost, serve the unwanted, and share God's unconditional love.

"I ask you to be shepherds with God's tenderness, to leave the 'whip' hanging in the sacristy and be shepherds with tenderness, even with those who create more trouble for you."

When asked what his "secret" was for evangelizing a world that sees the Church as "out of date" and rejects its teachings, the pope said never resort to proselytism, which is a "caricature of evangelization."

Pope Francis said Pope Benedict XVI "was very clear" in saying that the church grows by "attraction," that people are drawn to Christ's love manifested in the spiritual and charitable works of his followers."

"Let the Holy Spirit provoke curiosity" in onlookers who see Christians serving the poor, the elderly, the sick, the helpless. Let the onlookers wonder: 'Why are they doing this? Are they crazy?' Let them wonder why Christians spend their lives on the very people others have thrown away."

The pope said it was important to help the suffering without disparaging them. Feelings of contempt toward those who suffer or sin is not evangelical and it "creates class war" - a war between mercy and rigid "doctors of the law."

Pope Francis told priests to be gentle and tender with the flock, like Jesus, and "love in every circumstance."

He said it "makes me sad" to see a priest refuse to baptize the infant of a parent who may be unmarried or remarried. The priest "has no right. Baptism is not to be denied," he said.

"What are we? Puritans? Please, a Church without Jesus and without mercy? No!"

Do not "terrorize" the faithful, he said. "Don't make them run away."

Pope Francis focused on the reading from the Book of Hosea (11:1-9), in which God speaks of the infinite and unconditional love he has for his sinning and stubborn children. Pope Francis said that despite their folly, he does not give vent to his "blazing anger" because he is not man, but God, who has chosen to come down to the people and save them.

"This is a God who stoops to feed, embraces, teaches children how to walk and draws people near 'with bands of love', not punitive laws," he said. The problem is, he said, too many people are afraid of God's tenderness and they don't let themselves be filled and overcome by it.

Priests who don't let themselves experience God's tenderness often are "hard, severe, castigators - priests without tenderness."

When the Good Shepherd finds his lost sheep, "he doesn't hit, he doesn't scold, he takes it in his arms and embraces it and takes care of it because it was wounded. Do you do the same thing with your faithful?"

"Remember God's tenderness, be moved by it and imitate Jesus, who says, 'When you are alone, confused, lost, come to me, I will save you. I will console you.'"

“Keep praying for me...”

While in Bolivia, Pope Francis visited a notorious detention center called Palmasola, known as one of the world’s most overcrowded and dangerous prisons. He led the inmates in prayer.

The pope told the prisoners: “You may be asking yourselves: ‘Who is this man standing before us?’ The man standing before you is a man who has experienced forgiveness. A man who was, and is, saved from his many sins.”

He told them that he had little more to offer, but that he wanted to share “what he had: Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Father.”

“If there are times when you experience sadness, depression, negative feelings, I would ask you to look at Christ crucified.”

“He died for us, for me, so that he could stretch out his hand to us and lift us up. Talk to the priests who come to you, talk to them! Jesus wants to help you get up, always.”

“Keep praying for me because I, too, have my mistakes, and I, too, must do penance.”

Praise for “The Joy of the Gospel”

An influential evangelical pastor of the Anglican diocese of London, Rev. Nicky Gumbel, told a gathering of nearly 900 Catholic bishops, priests and laity: “I love the Catholic Church — It is leading the way in evangelization.”

Gumbel praised the 2013 encyclical of Pope Francis on evangelization, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

He said that everyone, not just Catholics, should read the encyclical and put it into practice. He said he was reading and re-reading it. “If every Christian in England put *Evangelii Gaudium* into practice the Church and the nation would be transformed.”



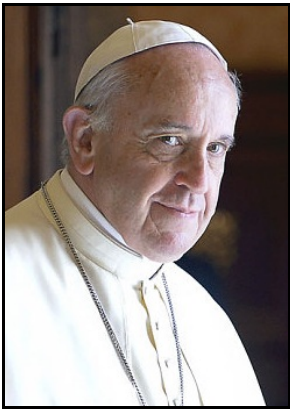
The “religiosity of the elite”

During his visit to Ecuador, Pope Francis said that Catholics will never be effective evangelizers if they are squabbling among themselves. He said that those who gather around the altar and share Communion should be united with one another, setting aside worldly desires for power and petty squabbles in order to show the world the peace and unity that comes with faith in Christ.

“How beautiful it would be,” Pope Francis said, “if all could admire how much we care for one another, how we encourage and help each other.”

Francis said that evangelization is not beating down people’s doors, but knocking gently and drawing near to those who are far from God and the Church, to people who feel themselves judged by those who think of themselves as pure and perfect.

Pope Francis said unity is not “something we can fashion as we will, setting conditions, choosing who can belong and who cannot. This ‘religiosity of the elite’ is not what Jesus proposes. Recognizing God as one’s father means recognizing all his children as brothers and sisters.”



“Uniformity is not Christian”

On October 31, Pope Francis met with 1,000 charismatic Catholics and their Protestant guests who were participating in a conference about the charismatic movement and the new evangelization.

Pope Francis told the charismatics that, as people who value the rich variety of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they should not fear diversity. “Uniformity is not Christian,” he said.

Being united in Christ and in the church “does not necessarily mean doing everything together or thinking in the same way. Unity in diversity is actually the opposite: it involves the joyful recognition and acceptance of the various gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to each one and the placing of the gifts at the service of all members of the church.”

Accepting the Holy Spirit’s diversity while allowing the Spirit to forge unity “means knowing how to listen, to accept differences and having the freedom to think differently and express oneself with complete respect toward the other, who is my brother or sister,” he said.

The Letter of the law

Pope Francis also commented on the day’s Gospel reading from Luke 14:1-6. The Pharisees, he said, were fanatics about uniformity and following the letter of the law. They were so extreme that the “the Lord had to ask them, ‘But, then, is it possible to do good on the Sabbath or is it forbidden?’ This is the danger of uniformity.”

In his homily earlier in the day at morning Mass, the pope had said the Pharisees’ attachment to religious laws “distanced them from love and justice. They followed the laws, and neglected justice. They followed the law, and they neglected love. And for these people Jesus had only one word to describe them: hypocrites.”

The path Jesus taught is one where love and justice lead to knowledge and discernment about how to best fulfill God’s law, Pope Francis said.

The Pharisees, the pope said, were always looking for new followers, but they did not offer people hope and life-giving love. Pharisees are “closed-minded men who are so attached to the letter of the law that they were always closing the doorway to hope, love and salvation. They are men who only know how to close doors.”

“Pray for bishops. We are all sinners, so pray for us.”

At a General Audience, Pope Francis spoke of the role of bishops in the Church. He began by asking those present to pray for bishops, that they may be men of virtue. He said: “It isn’t easy. We are all sinners, so pray for us.” He continued:

“The role of bishop of not a position of prestige, an honorary role — it is a service. Jesus wanted it this way. There should not be room in the Church for a worldly mentality. A worldly mentality speaks of a man who has an ecclesiastical career and has become a bishop. There should be no place for such a mentality in the Church. The bishop serves. It is not a position of honor to boast about. Being bishop means keeping ever present the example of Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for his sheep. Bishops who are saints — and there are many in the history of the Church — show us that one does not seek this ministry, one does not ask for it, it cannot be bought. One accepts it in obedience, not in an attempt to climb higher but to lower oneself, just as Jesus “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8).

“It is sad when we see a man who seeks this office and does all he can to get it, and when he gets it, does not serve, instead goes around like a peacock, and lives only for his vanity.”

The temptation to greed and power...

In his homily at the opening of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family in October, Pope Francis said:

“The temptation to greed is ever present. We encounter it in the great prophecy of Ezekiel (cf. Ch. 34) on the shepherds. And to satisfy this greed, evil pastors lay intolerable burdens on the shoulders of others, which they themselves do not lift a finger to move (cf. Mt 23:4). God’s dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can thwart God’s dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit.”

