# This Sunday's <u>Counsel</u>

### THEME:

We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by fulfilling His commandment of love.

### PROMISE:

"If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." (Ex 22: 26b)

#### WORD:

Ex 22: 20-26/ Ps 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/ 1 Thes 1: 5c-10/ Mt 22: 34-40

#### **ORDER:**

• You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Mt 22: 27)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Love God by obeying His commandments.
- Seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother and emulate her obedience to the will of the Father. Pray the Holy Rosary daily.

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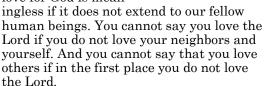
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# **Love That Goes Beyond Feeling**

### REFLECTION:

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight the truth that the love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. In 1 John 4: 20 it is written, "If anyone says, I love God but hates his brother, he is a liar." It is a reminder that our love for God is mean-



Love, as beautifully expressed, is not just an emotion nor a feeling, but "the choice to will the good of the other" (St. Thomas Aquinas). The love for neighbors is an extension of our love for God. It is the proof of our faith in Jesus. The core of God's law is encapsulated into two greatest commandments – to love God with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself (cf Mt 22: 37-39). It is essential to recognize that our neighbor is not just a person living next door; he is someone who God allows us to encounter in our life, even those who might seem like adversaries. The

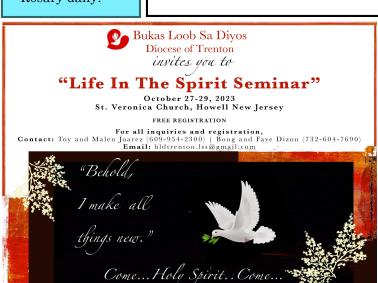
word 'love' is complicated and a lot of times misused, overused, or falsely used resulting in it losing its true meaning. Yes, we express that we love pets, places, food, friends, and family, but when it comes to people who give us trouble or do us wrong, loving can be challenging.

Christ models to us

the way to love. His love goes beyond feeling and affection. It is a steadfast commitment, without conditions and boundaries. Jesus demonstrated this love by sacrificing His life and dying on the cross, a profound act of love for humanity wounded by sin to gain our salvation. Loving our enemies does not necessarily require affection, but empathy for their needs, mirroring God's response to our own needs. Love is an unwavering commitment, as seen in marriage vows, where two people pledge to love one another for better or for worse, in sickness and in health.

Here is an example of a Filipino Salesian nun who is now assigned in Africa. Despite coming from a financially able family, she selflessly teaches the poor children of non-Catholic families of Nigeria. She personally pays for her accommodation where she

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### Solo Parent Encounter Weekend



"Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken. My love shall never leave you use my coverant of peace be shaken, says the

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# The Lord's Provision

### October 20, 2023

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### Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407 For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

love you, O Lord, my strength, my rock of refuge, my shield, praised be God my savior.

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### Birthday

10/27	Malu DelaCruz	10/31
10/28	Marlon Abalos	10/31
10/29	Leo Lukban	11/1
10/29	Edie Danieles	11/2
10/30	Arnold Paderon	11/2
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Francis Sunga 11/2

### Anniversary

Raffy & Jo Perez	10/27
Elner & Marichille Jamolod	10/28
Manny & Evelyn Palacios	10/31
Eric & Mae Alberto	11/1
Ron & Tina King	11/2

### **Evangelizing**

Charles de Foucauld wrote: "Every
Christian, then, must
become an apostle", and
he reminds a friend that "close
to priests we need laypeople who
see what the priest does not see,
who evangelize with a closeness
of charity, with a kindness for
all, with an affection always
ready to give of itself".

Brother Charles de Foucauld thus reminds us that the first step in evangelizing is to have Jesus inside one's heart; it is to "fall head over heels" for him. If this does not happen, we can hardly show it with our lives.

~ Pope Francis

# A Smash Hit For The Books

On October 14, the ballroom of Waterview Pavilion in Belmar came to life with vibrant colors, upbeat music, and delectable food and beverages as ME 14 & 15 presented this year's Community Night.

Dubbed "International



Cultural Night", guests showed up dressed beautifully to represent a variety of cultural groups. Thank you all for your participation and support, and congratulations to the winners of the raffle and costume contests. Everyone had a blast!

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stays so that the families are not obliged to pay the tuition fees. With her mission, she has been away from her parents, who are now in their 90s. Her actions epitomize her love of God and neighbor that is selfless and pure.

Thus, our weekly theme for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary time states – We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by fulfilling His commandment of love. Pope Francis' message resonates with a call to action, urging us to take humble steps towards love, even within our limitations. It's a challenge for all of us – leaders, parents, and elders in our society, community, and Church. The world is scarred by conflict, misunderstandings, and power struggles, but there is hope. By embracing genuine love and pure concern for our neighbor's well-being, accompanied by fervent prayer,

we can reshape our world into a place of harmony and peace for the next generation, where love stands at the core.

Let love reign in our midst, beginning with us, and each heart touched and inspired to make a difference in others. Scripture assures us that love can cover a multitude of sins, reminding us of the transformative power of love. Our encounter with Jesus who loves us boundlessly, can impact our relationship with Him and others. Let His love radiate through our lives, touching the hearts of those around us, and ultimately, changing the world. This may be quite challenging, but if we respond to His commandment of love, we will always have the loving presence of the Lord, especially when we need Him most. In Exodus 22: 26b, God promises, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate."

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# Last Week's Prophecy

• My disciples, are you entrapped between your spiri



entrapped between your spirituality and attractions of the world? Then

come closer to Me specially in the Eucharist and draw deeper in prayer.

### **WRITERS NEEDED**

Please contribute to our Community News. We welcome spiritual articles, testimonies, and reflections of 250 words or less. Submit your manuscripts by e-mail to: <u>bldword@gmail.com</u>