

This Sunday's *Counsel*

THEME:

We journey to a life of perfect love, unity and peace when we testify to the Truth that Jesus is Christ is the Son of God.

PROMISE:

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10: 32)

WORD:

Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/
Rom 5: 12-15/ Mt 10: 26-33

ORDER:

- *Fear no one.* (Mt 10: 26)
- *Speak in the light.* (Mt 10: 27)
- *Acknowledge me before others.* (Mt 10: 32)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be fearless in sharing the Good News of salvation to all, most especially to the least and the lost.
- Profess our faith courageously in words and in deeds.
- Be bold in using and sharing your God-given talents and resources for the works of the Community.



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Let Us Not Hide Our Faith

REFLECTION:

In our journey of faith, we are not left without guidance and purpose. We have received divine orders and prophecies that ignite our souls with courage and hope. *"Fear no one,"* are important words from Matthew 10: 26 reminding us that as followers of Christ, we need not cower in the face of opposition or persecution. We are called to be fearless ambassadors of the Good News, spreading the message of salvation to those who are lost and yearning for God's mercy, grace, and blessing.

Our second order is equally compelling: *"Speak in the light"* (Mt 10: 27). This call resonates deep within our spirits, reminding us to boldly proclaim the Gospel, not only in the secret chambers of our hearts but also in the open arenas of the world. We are commissioned to profess our faith with unyielding courage, allowing our words and actions to testify to the trans-



formative power of God's love and the boundless grace we have received through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And let us never forget the third one: *"Acknowledge me before others"* (Mt 10: 32). We are summoned to

boldly declare that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, not only in private contemplation but also in the presence of our fellow human beings. By embracing this command, we demonstrate our unwavering faith and undying commitment to our Savior. In this simple act of acknowledgement, Jesus promises to acknowledge us before His heavenly Father, ushering us into the embrace of divine favor and love.

These orders are further fortified by two inspiring prophecies that were discerned by the CSL from Manila. The first prophecy resounds with urgency and purpose: *"Declare and witness to everyone God's mercy, grace, and blessing."* This

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Tending the Flock

God Knows All About Us

What do you see in creation of less value than a tiny sparrow? But even the sparrow will not fall without God's knowledge. Jesus does not mean that the sparrow falls by God's direct will because it is unworthy but that nothing that occurs is hidden from God. If then God is not ignorant of anything that happens in creation, and if God loves us more truly than the best human father, and if God loves us so as to have numbered our very hairs, then we need not be afraid. Jesus said this not to indicate that God literally has a number placed on the very hairs of our head but rather to show that God has perfect knowledge of everything about us and providentially cares for everything about us. Therefore, if God both knows all things that happen to us and is able to save us and willing to do so, then whatever we may be suffering, we need not think that God has forsaken us in our suffering. For it is not God's will to keep us wholly separated from that which elicits dread but rather to persuade us not to make an idol out of whatever we dread. It is this, more than anything else, that constitutes deliverance from dread. *"Therefore, don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows."* Don't you see that God views your fear with more concern than the lives of many sparrows? He already knows the secrets of your heart. Hence Jesus adds, *"Do not fear."* For even if that which you dread prevails, it prevails only over your body; this is the limited part of yourself, which nature will surely take in due time and bring to an end.

~ John Chrysostom, 344-407 A.D.



The Mission Apostolate is inviting you to attend the March For Life Rally on June 24, 2023. It is the first Anniversary of the overturn of Roe v. Wade

It starts with:
Mass for Life - 9:30 am at St Mary's Cathedral
151 N. Warren St Trenton, NJ and followed by

March for Life Rally 11 am - 1 pm
Statehouse, 145 W. State Street, Trenton NJ

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June 16, 2023

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Joel Bermudo	6/23	Kimberly Quiambao	6/25
Mey Alabastro	6/23	Elizabeth Cintron	6/26
Mary Henney	6/23	Ariel Mazo	6/26
Janis Carvajal	6/24	Tina Quiambao	6/26
Arlene Carvajal	6/24	Estela Bermudo	6/28
Keith Rodriguez	6/25	Ashley Valeriano	6/29

Anniversary

Ernie & Nelia Doropan	6/24
Alex & Dette Santos	6/24
Archie & Kagot Arigorat	6/25
Patrick & Glenda Calugay	6/28
Andre & Andrea Apostol	6/29

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

In your great kindness, O Lord, answer me with your constant help.

More Than A Symbol



The Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey. Sadly nowadays, there are those among the Catholic faithful who believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love. It is more than a symbol; it is the real and loving presence of the Lord. It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost. Too few people know what it is.

~ Pope Francis

Last Week's Prophecies

• *My child, I have identified My disciples each by name. Now, I call each one of you individually to follow My commandment of love.*



• *You have a covenant with Me. Heed My voice to persevere in your faith amidst all the struggles that abound. Remember, I Am in your midst.*

• *I have given you everything you need. I have given you feet so that you can walk towards Me. I have given you ears so you can hear Me when I call you. I have given you eyes so you can see the beauty around you. I have given you your mouth so that you can give thanks to Me. Most of all, I have given you your heart so you can love Me and everyone else around you.*

• *The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. My children, I need your hands to help the needy. I need your tongues to proclaim the Good News. I need your heart to console the desolate. Come my children, be my laborers.*

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divine directive urges us to share the transformative message of God's love and forgiveness with all people, leaving no one excluded. We are entrusted with the sacred duty of becoming vessels of God's grace, extending His compassion and hope to those who yearn for consolation and redemption.

The second prophecy assures us of the immense importance of living in love, unity, and peace: *"When you live in love, unity, and peace with others, I will remain in you."* This heavenly proclamation emphasizes the significance of cultivating harmonious relationships within our beloved BLD community and the world at large. Our unity and our love for Jesus and our brothers and sisters is the greatest testimony that we can

share to others. When we walk the path of love, unity, and peace, we create a sacred space where the presence of God can manifest and touch the lives of those around us.

To fulfill these orders and prophecies, we are provided with clear directions. First and foremost, we are commanded to be fearless in sharing the Good News, especially with those who find themselves marginalized and lost. Let the flame of compassion burn bright within our hearts, reaching out to the least and the lost, offering them the saving message of hope and eternal life.

Secondly, we are called to profess our faith courageously, allowing our words and actions to radiate the wisdom of our beliefs. Our faith must never remain dormant or hidden;

instead, it should illuminate the darkness around us, inspiring others to discover the transformative power of Jesus. Let us be known as bold disciples, unwavering in our commitment to live out His teachings with confidence and truthfulness.

Lastly, we are requested to be bold stewards of the talents and resources bestowed upon us by our loving Creator. Each one of us possesses unique gifts that can contribute to the flourishing of our faith community and the expansion of God's Kingdom on Earth. Let us not shy away from using and selflessly sharing these blessings. Let us actively participate in the different activities of our community, for it is through their manifestation that we can profoundly impact the lives of others.