

From the Minister - Fratelli Tutti

Our Spiritual Assistant Jerry has chosen well the reading of this document for our formation this year. The wide range of thoughts and opinions that have been expressed during the past two sessions confirms its impact and significance in carrying the Gospel (good news) of Jesus into the twenty-first century. Just as Jesus spoke to the people of His time and place, so is Pope Francis speaking to the people of his time and place. But the message is the same: we are, all of us, children of God and, therefore, sisters and brothers. As such, we are responsible for the wellbeing of each other and are obligated to help each other to the best of our ability.

Today, May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, those who use the four-volume Liturgy of the Hours read in the Office of Readings a passage from the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council. That Council was begun by Pope John XXIII, who is now a formally recognized Saint of the Church. For those who use the one-volume Liturgy of the Hours, these are some excerpts from that reading:

*Today, particularly by means of science and technology, he (man) has extended his Mastery over almost the whole of nature, and still continues to extend it. **Through the development of the many means of communication among nations, the human family is coming to see itself, and establish itself, as a single worldwide community.***

Man, created in God's image, has been commissioned to master the earth and all it contains, and so rule the world in justice and holiness.

The more the power of men increases, the wider is the scope of their responsibilities, as individuals and as communities.

It is clear, then, that the Christian message does not deflect men from the building up of the world, or encourage them to neglect the good of their fellowmen, but rather places on them a stricter obligation to work for these objectives.

The Kingdom of God that Jesus spoke of in so many parables was considered by the “learned men” of his time to be the ramblings of an itinerant preacher, an ancient version of the modern day “pie in the sky”. Perhaps it was coincidental, but in the year 1965, the year in which the Second Vatican Council ended on December 8th, a song was written by Mitch Leigh and Joseph Darion called *The Impossible Dream*. It could have been written about Jesus or St. Francis. We may never reach a universal commitment to its message, but if each of us does what we can, where we can, when we can, there will be a little more starlight and less darkness in our world.

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star
This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far

To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march into hell
For a heavenly cause
And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest
And the world will be better for this
That one man scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable stars

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Universal intention – *The world of finance*

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

LET US PRAY DURING THIS MONTH OF MARY

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis, peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

Dios te salve, Maria. Llena eres de gracia. El Señor es contigo. Bendita eres entre todas la mujeres, Y bendito el fruto de tu vientre Jesús. Santa Maria, Madre de Dios, Ruego por nosotros los pecadores, Ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.
Amen.

Gegrüfset seist du, Maria, voll der Gnade, der Herr ist mit dir. Du bist gebenedeit unter den Frauen, und gebenedeit ist die Frucht deines Leibes, Jesus. Heilige Maria, Mutter Gottes, bitte für uns Süder jetzt und in der Stunde unseres Todes.
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings

May 10, 2021	Zoom formation gathering will be held at 7:00 pm. Pairs will continue to meet.
June 7, 2021	Zoom formation gathering will be held at 7:00 pm. Pairs will continue to meet.
June 27, 2021	Profession of candidates will be held at 1:00 pm in Brother Jerry's side yard
July 11, 2021	Monthly gathering will be held at 1:00 pm in Brother Jerry's side yard
July 25, 2021	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 pm
August 8, 2021	Monthly gathering will be held at 1:00 pm in Brother Jerry's side yard
September 12, 2021	Monthly gathering will be held at 1:00 pm in Brother Jerry's side yard