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Pope Francis Prayer for the Families of the World

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH TO YOU,
HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, TODAY WE TURN OUR
GAZE WITH ADMIRATATION AND CONFIDENCE;

IN YOU WE CONTEMPLATE THE BEAUTY OF COMMUNION IN TRUE LOVE;

TO YOU WE COMMEND OUR FAMILIES, SO THAT IN THEM MARVELS OF GRACE BE RENEWED.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, ALLURING SCHOOL OF THE GOSPEL: TEACH US TO IMITATE YOUR VIRTUES WITH A WISE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE, GRANT US A CLEAR VISION THAT RECOGNIZES THE WORK OF PROVIDENCE IN THE DAILY REALITIES OF LIFE.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, REAWAKEN IN OUR SOCIETY THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SACRED AND INVIOLABLE CHARACTER OF THE FAMILY, AN INESTIMABLE AND IRREPLACEABLE GOOD.

MAY EVERY FAMILY BE A PLACE WHERE GOOD-NESS AND PEACE ARE WELCOMED FOR CHILDREN AND FOR THE ELDERLY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND ALONE, FOR THOSE WHO ARE POOR AND NEEDY.

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, WE PRAY TO YOU WITH CONFIDENCE, WE ENTRUST OURSELVES TO YOU WITH JOY.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Families of the World October 28, 2013



Pope Francis consecrates

IMPORTANCE OF GRATITUDE "if families can say these three things, they will be fine: 'sorry,' 'excuse me,' 'thank you, '
Pope Francis

In the early church every service was a healing service. The modern turning point for the Catholic Church was the Second Vatican Council which re-emphasized prayer for the sick and also acknowledged the extraordinary charisms' as gifts for today. It is all based on prayer. approaching God very simply. It's not important how you pray, but that you pray and trust that the three persons of the Trinity know how to work together.

Rev. Edward McDonough C.S.s.R.

Dear Friends,

Many people are working hard to break the bias approach to the challenges of life. Fifty years ago Rosa Parks by her trust in Jesus and human justice decided to stay on the bus and sit up front. Since her color was black it was illegal to sit up front in the 1950's.

Imagine living then with such prejudice. Even Fr. Ed McDonough's unforgettable experience as a young priest is shared in this news letter.

Todays struggle against racism still exists, however we have come a long way. St. Paul reminds us "For us to live is Christ; to die is gain." Dying to the evil of prejudice brings the goodness of harmony and peace. The Civil Rights Act in 1964 helped us unify our beliefs about the fairness and respect that is needed.

We continue working toward unity the working of the Holy Spirit.

TO HIM GOES THE GLORY!

Let us reflect on Pope Francis recent words. "Jesus, the hope, renews everything. So hope is a constant miracle. "The miracle of what He's doing in the Church. The miracle of making everything new: of what He does in my life, in your life, in our life. He builds and He rebuilds. And that is precisely the reason of our hope". Christ is the one who renews every wonderful thing of the Creation; He's the reason of our hope. And this hope does not delude because He is faithful. He can't renounce Himself. This is the virtue of hope."

You and your intentions are in my prayers. Fr Robert Leunon C. S. s. R.

INTEGRATION HISTORY MADE 60 YRS AGO

FROM THE HOMILY OF REV. EDWARD MCDONOUGH C.S.s.R.

On THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PRIESTHOOD

- NOVEMBER 28, 2003



Rev. Edward McDonough c.s.s.R.

During the preceding weeks I have been thinking about my life as a Redemptorist and how different it was than I ever expected when I was training to be a priest and when I was first ordained. I couldn't possibly share with you all the experiences I've had and all the feelings I've had during the past couple of weeks. One thing that came to my mind was the poem by Robert Frost "The Road Not Taken", a famous poem quoted often and about the road less traveled.

In Robert Frost's Poem he has these lines.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by .

And that has made all the difference.

So, I think of my early years in the preparatory seminary 60 years ago. I started with about fifty three in my class and in six years there were eleven in my class. They were the seminarians that went to the novitiate and were pronouncing their vows to become Redemptorist.

On this road that I traveled at the time my best friend decided to quit the seminary. He didn't want to become a Redemptorist priest anymore. I asked him why he had come to this conclusion and he said, "I have been thinking about it, It would be my luck to be sent to Brazil or Paraguay or some other country, and stay there for the rest of my life, and be very unhappy." At that time I just spontaneously said to him without even thinking much about it, "God would never do that to you! If He sent you to some place, He would be with you, and you would be happy." Little did I realize that I would have these words fulfilled in my own life.

I can't mention too much about my ministry, but I will tell you about one experience I had which is a good illustration of how true were the words,

"GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE SENT; HE WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY."

North Carolina

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

When I was first ordained I was sent to Brooklyn, New York a big parish of thousands of people and great activity. After six months I was transferred to a place called Newton Grove in North Carolina.

It was quite a shock to be in a place like Newton Grove. It was a rural town and at that time they only had one country store that sold everything they needed. It was mostly farms, and I was assigned to take care of a parish of black people about 25 miles from there. That was a place where Redemptorist labored for about ten years, and they just had ten people going to Mass. That was quite a shock. I remember thinking, if I stayed in Boston and said Mass in my parents' home, I could have gathered at least fifty people.

God made me very happy there... I lost my unhappiness after I got over the shock and that turned out to be the most difficult place I ever left. In the course of about three years we had the church full. That might sound great but the church only held 85 people. I was thrilled to have 85 people.

I remember the night I was going away I prepared a little talk. I wanted to say something like-There is only one priest, Jesus Christ. Other priests represent Him. So, you can be consoled that whatever priest comes to you now, he will represent Jesus Christ, but Jesus Christ will remain with you as your priest.—We had a had a full church, all 85 people and maybe more, ten more. I started... you shouldn't be sad and everyone started crying... I started crying... and everyone started walking up to the altar hugging me and kissing me and saying goodbye. I never did give that sermon but we had a big cry...

That was the place I could see no joy in being associated with when I came, but that was the hardest place I ever left because I was like everyone's father. They didn't know any other priest. I baptized them, prepared them for First Communion, and all the Sacraments. I grew very close to them. I've never been able to have a parish that small, a ministry that small. I knew everyone by name... all their problems... and all their needs.

That was not the most important thing about my trip to Newton Grove—God made me happy, but He protected me from harm and evil. In 1953, the Bishop of North Carolina exactly 50 years ago decided he would be the first Bishop in the country to integrate blacks and whites in one church because all the other churches at that time were for blacks or whites. Everything in the South at that time was black or white, they had black drinking fountains, white drinking fountains, black restaurants, white restaurants, white motels and hotels, black motel and hotels, even black beaches. The black people were not allowed to go to white people's beaches.

The Bishop decided that he would integrate the black church and the white church at Newton Grove. He informed us that we should read a letter at each church and explain to the people that they all had to gather together and worship in the same church on Pentecost Sunday. He was a bit strong willed and refused to talk to any one about it until they integrated at Pentecost Sunday.

We knew from the reaction of the people it was a very explosive situation. It was very radical in the South at that time, and we were sure there was going to be trouble especially when they burned our garage and started tolling the church bells from 12:00 at night to 2:00 in the morning. The local newspapers and radio programs were all talking about how terrible it was and how it should be stopped. In the Redemptorist rectory there was a priest named Tim Sullivan. He was older than I and a very fatherly priest. He said that Saturday before the integration, "We are liable to get killed—the whole bunch of us." There was the Bishop who was coming, another assistant, who later on became a bishop, Tim, and myself. Strange, everyone involved is dead except myself. That night Tim said to me, "We could die tomorrow. Do you think you should go through with it?" I said, "It's' the right thing that blacks and whites should do." So Tim went to confession to me, and I went to confession to him. We waited for the morning, but it was worse than we ever expected. The people were a mad mob—I never saw a mob of people that would actually kill you if you reacted the wrong way. The black people came in a bus and they filed into the church, None of the white people came into church. They stood outside the church throwing stones.

I felt sure that if I made the wrong gesture, I would have gotten killed. But when the Bishop came out, they started throwing stones at him. They would have killed him, if the other priest didn't protect him and prevail upon the people to talk to him individually. That day no one got killed—by the Grace of God and the Mercy of God.

What I didn't realize is that the Ku Klux Klan was very anxious to prevent this integration, and they decided at one of their meetings that they should kill one of their priests. If they did that they would learn a lesson—the bishop, other priests, other ministers not try to integrate their churches or the Klan would kill them.

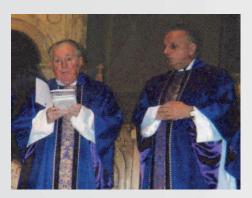
They picked me to be the victim of the assassination so they would stop integration. I didn't find out about it until a couple of years later when the man who was selected to kill me made a retreat. They call it a cursillo. At the closing of the cursillo he testified to the fact that he planned to kill me, and for some strange reason every time he was about to kill me with his rifle somebody appeared on the scene or I got into a car quickly and he couldn't capture me. That went on until the event was over and the integration was accomplished.

I tell this story because truly God was with me every place the Redemptorist sent me. I can honestly say, I was happy in every place they sent me including Newton Grove. God worked in extraordinary ways to protect us and prevent the tragedy of being murdered for the sake of integration.

In your life you also have a vocation. That vocation is especially chosen by God for you, and that's the most important thing I want to say to you today.

You are chosen, You are gifted by God, and He has a special charism, a gift for you, that he doesn't have for any one else. That's what I feel about myself. He has work for you to do. Your mission is not necessarily a small mission nor a big mission, but its your mission, and God has chosen you to perform it. No matter what it is, if you follow it, God will be with you. He will take care of you, and He will preserve you from harm and danger. He will give you the grace to accomplish your mission in life which is His will.

And so we conclude. I would like to integrate that thought in the prayer of the faithful. I would like you to take the Mass booklet—on the back of the booklet there is a prayer by Cardinal Newman,



Rev.Ed McDonoughCSsR , Pastor Rev.Kevin Milton CSsR Mission Church- Boston, MA Nov. 28, 2003

I HAVE A MISSION

O my God, you have created me to do some definite service.

You have committed some work to me, which you have not committed to another.

I have my mission, I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

You have not created me for naught. Therefore I will trust you, whatever, wherever I am.

If I am in sickness,
my sickness may serve you.
If I am in perplexity,
my perplexity may serve you.
If I am in sorrow,
my sorrow may serve you.
You do nothing in vain.
You know what you are about.

Though friends be taken away, though I feel desolate, though my spirits sink, though my future is hidden from me, yet will I trust you for you know what you are about.

I ask not so much to see as to be used: through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Cardinal Newman

<u>I HAVE A MISSION</u>— you have a mission- all other priest have a mission, and everyone here in church has their own mission. We will say this prayer by Cardinal Newman.

60th Jubilee Homily of Rev. Edward J. McDonough C.S.s.R.

Mission Church — November 28, 2003



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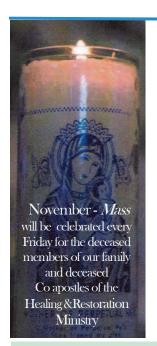
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Let us remember to continue to pray for one another. All of us through our prayers can carry the Healing Love of Jesus. We will remember you and your intentions at Mass, novenas, the rosary and other prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving Ephesians 2:10

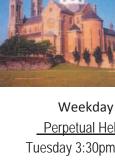
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