



Who are children of God?

“The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters” (1 John 3:10)



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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2019

Good politics is at the service of peace

1. “Peace be to this house!”

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you” (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ’s disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history.[1] The “house” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “common home”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: **“Peace be to this house!”**

2. The challenge of good politics

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy celebrated.[2] It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction. **(Continue ...)**

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(Continue ...) Jesus tells us that, "if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35). In the words of [Pope Paul VI](#), "to take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and world-wide – is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind".[\[3\]](#)

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

3. Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

Pope [Benedict XVI](#) noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the *pólis*... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have... Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family".[\[4\]](#) This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity.

In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.[\[5\]](#)

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: **good politics is at the service of peace**. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

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7. A great project of peace

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope [John XXIII](#): "Man's awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man's personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others".[\[7\]](#)

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

– **peace with oneself**, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing "a bit of sweetness towards oneself" in order to offer "a bit of sweetness to others";

– **peace with others**: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say; *(Continue ...)*

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– **peace with all creation**, rediscovering the grandeur of God’s gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the *Magnificat*, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: “He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly; ...for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever” (*Lk 1:50-55*). (**Pope Francis**)

Dear Bothers and Sisters,

The message of Pope Francis not only gives to those who work in the field of politic, but we are also invited to become peacemakers. So, each one of us should do something to bring peace to oneself, others, and all creations as the Pope’s guideline:

- **peace with oneself,**
- **Peace with others, and**
- **And peace with all creation,**

I think that everyone of us needs to have peace in life. So, thinking good, talking good about others, and doing good for others are three important aspects to have peace in each of us and in each family. (**Fr. Dominique**)

D&P’S NEWS

Some 68.5 million children, women, and men throughout the world are victims of forced migration.

This coming year, Share the Journey with those forced to flee their homes. Watch for our “Share the Journey” campaign and walk coming later this spring.

“Before the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy.” – Pope Francis, homily of July 6, 2018.

COLLECTION AT Christ the King Parish:

Sunday Dec 23, 2018 : \$1,183.55

Christmas, Dec 25, 2018 : \$3,697.10

Sunday Dec 30, 2018 : \$1,413.50

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New Year, Jan 01, 2019 : \$1,140.30

Announcements

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES & CALENDAR 2019: Your new collection envelopes and Calendar 2018-2019 are put in our Church welcome area. Please pick it up please!

Renewal of the Living with Christ

For the booklet of the Living with Christ 2019-2020, starting in February, please come to our Parish Office to renew it before Jan 20, with cheque or cash payment, if want to continue the subscription.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick, injured at home and in hospital and also other special intentions; especially Patricia McCulloch; Rosa Maria Santos; Lorraine Harrison; Joe & Tina Simon; Hortense Avila; Jim Dasilva Pacheco; Theodore William Dirks; Jeannette Marie Knudsen; Glenn John Nielsen; Dorald Albert Petrin; Ralph Raymond Riley; Lena Mager; Pauline Cawier, Joan Aleric, Catherine Cam, Joan Halrick, Fr. Aaron de Dios and his Dad, Irene Vreeken, Joan Aleric, *Norman Gludovatz*, Rosa Jesus, Mary, Lukas Flucht ...

Merciful Jesus, grant them a healing of mind and body, and restore their strength and spirit. Amen

Please pray for the dead, our beloved ones, especially Jean Forsyth, David John Marcy, and Jose Barata, ***may they soon rejoice in heaven with God and all of the angels and saints.***

~Please inform us if you wish to remain on our Prayer List ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 08	Catechism Class at 6:00pm
Jan 09	Liturgy of the Word, 3:00pm, at Sunnybank
Jan 11	Mass at OCC is cancelled
Jan 11	Care Group’s Meeting after Mass at 9am.
Jan 16	Liturgy of the Word, at 3:30pm, at McKinney

Sat	Jan 05	Mass at 5:00 pm	Bart & Leonor De Melo	RIP	Lucy Rily
Sun	Jan 06	Mass at 9:30 am	John, Anna, Harry Jopsen	RIP	Mary Jepsen
Mon	Jan 07	Mass at 9:00 am	Aurora Gordo	RIP	Sara & Nuno Gordo
Tue	Jan 08	Mass at 9:00 am	Deceased family and friends of Blondel Family	RIP	Germaine Blondel
Wed	Jan 09	Mass at 9:00 am	Manuel Torres	RIP	Alzira Torres
Thu	Jan 10	Mass at 9:00 am	Josephine Johnson	RIP	CWL
Fri	Jan 11	Mass at 9:00 am	Deceased members of CWL	RIP	CWL
Sat	Jan 12	Mass at 5:00 pm	Stefane Kawa	RIP	Mary Jepsen



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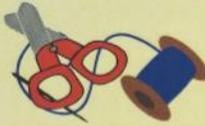
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