

Men of Action: Piety, Study, Action

Goal: Responding to God's Promptings in Our Lives

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are great, You are almighty.

Thank You for giving us the desire and the heart to be here.

May You be here to guide our conversation and allow us be open to You.

May we recognize the the life of Jesus and model our lives like Him.

May we recognize each others' lives to help support our growth, to be here for one another and to have confidence in our fraternity.

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts and minds in this time.

Amen

Homily Reflection

One day a farmer went into a big city.

As he walking with a friend who was with him, he stopped and said, 'I can hear a cricket'.

His friend was amazed and he said to the farmer *how he could hear the cricket in all of this city noise?*

"Because my ears are tuned to the sound of crickets," said the farmer.

Then he followed the sound of the cricket and wouldn't you know, he went right to the cricket and pointed it out, perched on a window ledge.

The friend was amazed!

The farmer then took a few coins out of his pocket and threw it down on the pavement.

The coins jingled as they hit the pavement and the people walking by stopped in their tracks and looked around.

'You see what I mean - none of you city folks can hear the sound of the cricket but you can all hear the sounds of those coins hitting the pavement.'

People's hear what their ears are attuned to and sometimes, they seem to be deaf to just about everything else.

- Msgn Michael Morgan, May 26, 2024

Teaching About Almsgiving & Prayer (Matthew 6: 1-8)

Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing,

so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Reread in silence and reflect on the words in these readings.

Revelation: _____

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Interpretation: _____

Application: _____

Piety

- * The gift of reverence for what comes from God. A devotion to God and religious practices.
- * Gift from the Holy Spirit that moves our hearts to love God with the love children have for their father.
- * Includes Prayer & Sacraments
- * Examples: regular confession, rosary in the car instead of music/talk radio

Study

- * Learning the complete truth about what it means to be a committed Christian
- * Learning the content of the Bible and applying the teachings to your life
- * Example: Searching the scriptures and applying to your life

Action

- * Nothing more than doing things in this world with the strength and love that God has given us
- * Our actions are a critical component to our evangelization. How can we share what God is doing in our lives if we are not participating in life with Him?

Action Items

Pick one of the three tenants (Piety, Study, Action)

- In prayer, listen how God is stirring something inside you on this area related to your spiritual growth
- Commit to focus on this tenant for the month of June

Announcements/ Upcoming Events

June 1: Sacred Heart of Jesus and His real presence in the Eucharist

- 30 day devotion in Exodus App

June 7-8: First Friday/ Saturday 24hr Adoration

June 20: Camp I Am Special

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July 1: Book of the Bible Study

Add't: Group Communication