



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Living the Christian life does not demand the impossible. On the other hand, it does not present us a course of life that is easy. St. Luke seems to present Christ in the Gospel as speaking to somewhat of a large crowd, many of whom were probably thinking of becoming disciples. Jesus lets them understand that they must renounce anything that could stand in the way of following him completely, whether father or mother or even their own life.

Usually when we talk of something or someone interfering with our fulfilling our dedication to Christ, we think of some sinful attachment. And this, where it is true, has to go. But for these few moments, let us look into the lack of effective fulfillment of our commitment to Christ because we adhere too closely to our pet ideas. That is, we fail to communicate. Give up your unwillingness to hear and to truly listen to others, pastors and parishioners, teachers and pupils, parents and children, employers and employees. I think that when we give up our anxieties, our defenses, our stubbornness, we will find that we work together better with others to bring Christ into our own lives and those of others.

Crisis in dialogue occurs when the participants fail to speak and respond to each other, but turn away defensively for the purposes of self-justification. To establish good communication, selfishness must be replaced by a willingness to try to see the other person's point of view. Only then will the truth begin to come through. Being a Catholic must mean more to us from what we can give, rather than what we can receive. The parents who say they are too tired to listen to their children or they cannot understand them, or children who don't appreciate what parents do for them, are shutting off the lines of communication.

The second element that must be present for good communication is mutual trust. Without mutual trust each person has to be on his or her guard against the other, almost as if he or she were dealing with an enemy. Even our words have to be weighed, not in the interest of wisdom, but for the sake of safety. How much greater progress is made where there is a mutual trust and respect.

We all must be willing to face up to discussion and fruitful action concerning the problem that confront us.

If we are not to remain a Church obsolete and irrelevant to the difficulties of our human existence today, then each of us has to be willing first to talk seriously about these things. Are there not better solutions to overpopulation than the pill, abortion, euthanasia? How assisted senior citizens fulfill a useful function in their community? What constructive suggestions can be offered to movie and television producers to improve programs? What can we do to have a more effective parish liturgy? These are sample questions that we as a group of people dedicated to Christ ought to be tackling, and tackling together in harmonious dialogue.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - August 28th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1405
Bishop's Appeal	\$1437
St. Patrick Mission	\$295
Bishop's Appeal	\$12

Thank you again to all who support our Parish



The office will be closed Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 6	11:00AM
Roland Cruz†		Robert & Lydia
Wed.	September 7	11:00AM
Jia Combong (birthday)		Mom & Dad
Thur.	September 8	11:00PM
Maura Bernardino†		Bob & Lydia
Fri.	September 9	11:00AM
Eduardo Piring †		Shirley Viduya
Sat.	September 10	4:30PM
Anne & Caesar Airoidi †		Your Children
Sun.	September 11	9:00AM
Lina Echano†		Lisa Urbano
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Coffee and Canvas

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 10:00AM!!



Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program will be starting the end of September! Registration forms are available in the office.

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every other Sunday at 10:15 AM (must be in 1st grade).

CONFIRMATION: This is a two-year formation program. Classes will be every other Sunday at 10:15AM and one weekday a month with Father Leo.

R.C.I.A. for those wanting to become Catholics. It is a two- year formation program for adults. Weekly meeting (TBA).

Special Second Collection

Please support the retired priests of the Diocese of Oakland by giving to the Priests Retirement Benefits Trust on the weekend of September 10th and 11th. Your gift, joined with thousands of donations throughout the diocese, helps us ensure that the men who have faithfully served the Church will have the resources to live in tranquility and security. They have done so much for us; now it is our turn to care for them. Please give generously.

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