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Counsels

Commitment to community is faithfulness to Christ.

Theme: We are faithful to Christ when we defend the sacredness of our vocation.

Word: Gen 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-6,
Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16

Order: *“Do not cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin.”*
(Mk. 9:42a)

*(BLD Global Community reflection for
October 2009)*

REFLECTION: It was a beautiful sight to watch seven siblings marching in chronological order according to age with their respective families in tow. At the end of the march, there were 42 family members, including spouses and 26 grandchildren, gathered around the altar to celebrate the sanctity of a marriage that has lasted fifty years. The San Agustin church was full of family and friends, bearing witness to the couple’s faithfulness to Christ.

A golden wedding anniversary is always a touching occasion because it is a testimony of the inviolability of marriage in a society that has allowed separation and divorce to flourish. The gospel of Mark declares, ***“For this reason a man shall leave his father***

and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” (Mark 10: 8-9)

The pressures of modern living have placed great strain on the institution of marriage and many people no longer consider it a lifetime commitment. From the beginning of creation, however, the Lord’s order was clear. The 1st reading brings us back to God’s intention of creating man and woman, and His original vision for the human race, ***“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him... That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.”*** (Gen 2:8, 24)

As disciples of Christ, divorce is not an option for us, since it deviates from the very purpose for which God created the human person. The break-up of a marriage does not reflect the will of the Creator and becomes an act of disobedience to God’s commandment. To follow Jesus, we need to love the other, even if the other does not seem to deserve that love and whether or not the relationship has turned bitter. This command is not easy to follow and many might well question it.

In his address to the Roman Rota on January 30, 2003, Pope John Paul II discussed the crisis of marriage in society today. The Pope stated, “Influenced as it is by models of life that are too often presented by the

mass-media, today's mentality asks, 'Why must one spouse always be faithful to the other? Why it is always necessary to love the spouse even when so many apparently justifying reasons would lead one to leave?'"

To this question, His Holiness provides an answer, "Many replies can be given; among them the very powerful ones are the good of the children and the good of the entire society, but the most fundamental reply comes through the recognition of the objectivity of being spouses, seen as a reciprocal gift, made possible and guaranteed by God himself. The ultimate reason, therefore, for the duty of faithful love is none other than what is the basis of the divine covenant with the human person: God is faithful. To make possible the fidelity of heart to one's spouse, even in the hardest cases, one must have recourse to God in the certainty of receiving assistance."

In the spirit of faith, we are reminded to keep our marriage together regardless of the difficulty it may entail. It's our way of participating in the suffering of Christ, trusting in His righteousness. Our spouse is a gift of God, for whom the other must sacrifice herself/himself. Just as Christ gave himself for all, each person must give himself or herself totally to the other, bearing with one another. We're compelled to resist the temptation of getting rid of the burden of the other person by putting an end to the marriage. St. Paul admonishes the Galatians, "***Bear the burden of one another's failings; then you will be fulfilling the law of Christ.***" (Gal. 6:2)

Each of us has a special calling, be it to marriage, a holy life as a single person, a solo parent, or a religious servant of the Lord. Each path brings with it, many obstacles, imperfections, trials and disappointments along the way. It begs the

question, how do we make it to fifty years of marriage? "***Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.***" (Rev 2:10)

Prayer

Lord, You have called us to various vocations in life according to Your divine plan. In these modern times, we are besieged with circumstances that run contrary to Your teachings. Please grant us the favor of remaining faithful and committed to our calling. We pray most especially for the institution of marriage, that amidst the unrelenting attacks from those who would undermine it, we remain vigilant in proclaiming its sanctity, inviolability, and permanence. We claim victory in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, Amen.

God's Promise for the Week

"Blessed are you who fear the Lord who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork, blessed shall you be, and favored." (Ps 128: 1-2)

PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR NEW PRAYERS AT MASS

With the impending arrival of the new English translation of the Roman Missal in U.S. parishes, Catholics are being encouraged to start to familiarize themselves with the new responses and prayers they will be reciting at Mass. To help ease the transition, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a website (www.usccb.org/romanmissal), which provides background on the translation of the missal and a list of changes to the Mass that will impact clergy and worshippers.

When the missal is introduced, worshippers will see changes to the wording in roughly a dozen parts of the Mass, including the Gloria, the Nicene Creed, and both forms of the penitential rite. Priests will also see many changes to the prayers they recite during the Mass.

The new translation attempts to remain as faithful as possible to the original Latin syntax, which will result in prayers that in some cases have a deeper meaning than the previous translation. While it may take some time for Catholics to learn and understand the new translation, the hope is that in time it will help the faithful to grow and develop in their spiritual lives.

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October 2

Feast of the Guardian Angels



The feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century.

In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

Prayer

Angel of God, My Guardian Dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side, to light and
to guard, to rule and guide. Amen

The mission of the Guardian Angels is, as Saint Paul tells us, to serve the future heirs

of salvation. Every kingdom, country, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angels. So have every person. Each bishop of the Catholic Church has two Guardian Angels. Our Guardian Angel is given to us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in Purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. There is a special angel in each church to record all distractions and irreverence that occur there. The greatest joy any of us can give our Guardian Angel is to receive Holy Communion and make our body the tabernacle of the Eternal God before Whom this angel can adore. Many of the saints saw their Guardian Angels. Saint Rose of Lima did, and so did Saint Gemma Galgani. And so did Saint Frances of Rome, Saint Maragret of Cortona and Saint Bridget of Sweden. A great Pope, Saint Gregory the Great, was tenderly devoted to his Guardian Angel. Saint Catherine of Siena saw her Guardian Angel. Saint Francis de sales had, as one of his special devotions, reverence for the Holy Angels who have charge of the care of the tabernacle in every Catholic Church.

There are nine choirs of angels, and three hierarchies. These choirs and hierarchies are: first hierarchies, Angels, Archangels and Principalities; second hierarchy, Powers, Virtues and Dominions; third hierarchy, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim. This is the order of ascent. It is from the first hierarchy – Angels, Archangels and Principalities – that guardians are chosen by God for man. Angels are for individuals. Archangels are for parishes, churches and religious communities. And Principalities are for provinces, countries and nations. Saint Augustine says, “Go where we will, our angels are always with us.” Saint Jerome says, “So sublime is the dignity of the human soul that from its birth there is appointed to each one a Guardian Angel.” And Saint Bernard says, “Make the holy angels your friends. No matter how weak

we may be, or lowly our condition, or how great the dangers which surround us, we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians.” In every difficulty, danger and temptation, Saint Bernard urges us to invoke our Guardian Angel.

Source: Saints to Remember
By the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Love Offering

Sept. 07, 2009 \$ 941.00
Sept. 18, 2009 \$1,216.00
Sept. 25, 2009 \$1,209.00
Oct. 02, 2009 \$1,003.00

Philippine Typhoon Victims

Oct. 02, 2009 \$1,555.00

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October Calendar

- Oct. 02 Eucharistic Celebration (Church)
- 09 Praise & Worship (Church)
- 16 Praise & Worship (Auditorium)
- 23 Praise & Worship (Auditorium)
- 24 CMP 2 Part 1 (CMcCar)
Basic Bible Seminar (CMcCAR)
- 25 Advanced Intercession and
Spiritual Warfare (CMcCAR)
Teaching of Christ (CMcCAR)
- 30 Praise & Worship (Church)

Reminder

Please sign in and wear your BLD IDs during raise & Worship and Community functions.

Community Calendar

- Oct. 23-25, 2009
John6 Crossings Retreat
BLD Newark
Rahway, NJ
- Nov. 13-15, 2009
Marriage Encounter No. 10
Dulles Hilton, Dulles, Virginia
- Nov. 21, 2009
Dinner Dance – BLD Annual Fund
Raising Event

Please check our website www.bldwashington.com for 2009 Schedule of events.

Teaching Schedule

- Oct. 24, 2009
 - Basic Bible Seminar – *LSS9
Books of the Bible
Approaches to Bible
Word of God
Response to Word
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - CMP 2 Part 1 – *LSS8
Speech/Discipline
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Venue:
Cardinal McCarrick Center
12247 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902

- Oct. 25, 2009
 - Advanced Intercession and
Spiritual Warfare – *LSS7
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 - The Teaching of Jesus Christ
Disk 1: Modules 3–5
*Covenanted members
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

Venue:
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