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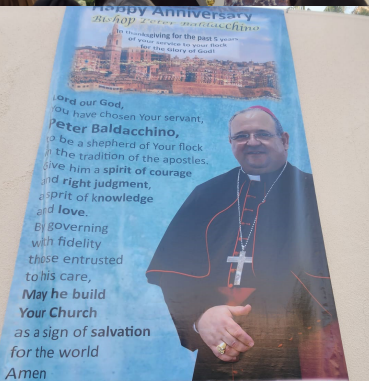


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RECENT EVENTS

1. Celebration Mass, Gathering and Reception for Bishop Baldacchino's 5th Anniversary of Installation to the Diocese



"Give it to the people to eat." Matthew 14:16

I am always amazed by the generosity of God the Father and how near he is to those who call upon his name. But I often wonder why we are so selfish as humans and why we tend to forget that God is the provider, and we are only the protector of his gifts.

The situation of the Church in today's world is very challenging, especially after the pandemic. We are still recovering not just from a financial crisis but a moral, spiritual and humanitarian crisis, as well.

Today I take this opportunity to ask you to be more generous with your resources. We call the Church home but sometimes don't treat it like our home. We often want the "best things" for our homes—and this is not a reproach—but to the church we give just "something".

When I say the Church is not just the temple, the building, I am reminding you that it is the mystical Body of Christ. There can be many other reasons why we don't give to the church, and they may be valid. It is not just me; it is the Lord himself who gives us an example of who we must care for; for the others who are hungry...hungry not just for food but for love, compassion, understanding and support.

Lastly everything is so expensive that we pastors must figure out how to make things work and how to pay the bills. We often hear that the collections are going down and the people are leaving the Church, but my question is this: What I am going to do to stop this. I think that the problem here is more complicated; it is not about the money, and it is not about the homilies we give. The problem is more serious: It is the lack of understanding of whom we are following, to whom we are ministering, and whom we are serving. It is in service to Jesus Himself that we are responding in this way!

Now I understand why the Lord has a preferential option for the little ones: It is for their innocence, simplicity and generosity. Today's gospel presents us with a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. Aware of the needs and the real presence of Christ, he gives what he has. He is not indifferent to the needs of the crowd but ready to help. It seems that he did not have much, but it was his small contribution that the Lord used for this great miracle. The Lord multiplied it and fed five thousand—and nothing was wasted. That is what happens when we give from the heart, not to control or get a memorial or engraved plaque on the wall. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. It is not us; it is the Lord who feeds us and multiplies our blessings. There is not much said about this boy, but I really think he is the perfect example for us today. I am sure this boy has a very special place in the Heart of Jesus.

The crowd wanted to make the Lord their king, probably because he fed them! The Lord has fed us at his altar every Sunday and sometimes we still don't recognize him as the King of our lives. So, what is the meaning of the many miracles the Lord has done in our lives? What is the meaning of the greatest of miracle: The Eucharist?

It has been said that this is a miracle where the presence of the Lord Jesus has turned a crowd of selfish men and women into a fellowship of shares. This story may represent the biggest miracle of all—one which changed not loaves and fishes, but men and women (The Gospel of John, volume 1, William Barclay, 2004).

So, I ask the Lord this Sunday to change our minds, to transform our hearts and community, and to help us to be more generous and aware of the needs of the Church in every aspect. I ask him to help us to respond to the social concerns of the church—especially the ones directed towards the most vulnerable and forgotten brothers and sisters in our world today. How are we going to care for others around the world if we cannot take care of those who are journeying right beside us?

Sincerely, I express our gratitude to those who are always generous and ready to respond to the needs of our Mother the Church. Many thanks to those who have generously been supporting our United in Ministry campaign which supports our seminarians, Catholic education, our retired priests and many other important altruistic activities. May the lord multiply your blessings!

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

"Dáselo a la gente para que coma". Mateo 14:16

Siempre me asombro de la generosidad de Dios Padre y de lo cerca que está de aquellos que invocan su nombre. Pero siempre me pregunto por qué somos tan egoístas como seres humanos que tendemos a olvidar que Dios es el proveedor, y nosotros solo somos los protectores de sus dones.

La situación de la Iglesia en el mundo de hoy es muy desafiante y, especialmente después de la pandemia, todavía nos estamos recuperando no solo de una crisis financiera, sino también de una crisis moral, espiritual y humanitaria. Hoy aprovecho esta oportunidad para pedirles que sean más generosos con sus recursos, llamamos a la Iglesia su hogar, pero a veces no la tratan como nuestros hogares. A veces queremos las mejores cosas para nuestro hogar, no es un reproche, sino que a la iglesia le damos solo algo.

Cuando dije que la iglesia no es solo el templo, el edificio, sino el cuerpo místico de Cristo. Puede haber muchas otras razones por las que no damos a la iglesia y pueden ser válidas. Pero no soy solo yo, es el Señor mismo quien nos da un ejemplo de quién cuidar a los demás, especialmente a los que tienen hambre, hambre no solo de comida sino de amor, compasión, comprensión y apoyo.

Por último, todo es tan caro, los pastores tenemos que averiguar a quién hacer las cosas de trabajo o cómo pagar las cuentas, siempre escuchamos que las colectas están bajando y la gente se está yendo de la Iglesia, pero mi pregunta es: ¿Qué voy a hacer para detener esto? Creo que el problema aquí es más complicado, no es por el dinero, no es por las homilias que damos. El problema es más serio: es la falta de comprensión de a quién estamos siguiendo, a quién estamos ministrando, a quién estamos sirviendo, ¿es a Jesús mismo a quien estamos haciendo esto o respondiendo de esta manera!

Ahora entiendo por qué el Señor tiene una opción preferencial por los pequeños: es por su inocencia, sencillez y generosidad.

El evangelio de hoy presenta a un niño con cinco panes de cebada y dos peces, consciente de las necesidades y de la presencia real de Cristo que da lo que tenía. No es indiferente a las necesidades de la multitud, sino que está dispuesto a ayudar. No tenía mucho, pero era el material que el Señor usó para este milagro. El Señor lo multiplicó y alimentó a cinco mil, y nada se desperdició. Eso es lo que pasa cuando damos desde el corazón, no para controlar o conseguir un memorial o grabado en la pared. La mano del Señor nos alimenta, responde a todas nuestras necesidades. No somos nosotros; es el Señor quien nos alimenta y multiplica nuestras bendiciones. No se habla mucho de este chico, pero realmente creo que es el ejemplo perfecto para nosotros hoy. Estoy seguro de que este niño tiene un lugar muy especial en el Corazón de Jesús.

La muchedumbre quería hacer rey al Señor, probablemente porque él les daba de comer. El Señor nos ha alimentado en su altar todos los domingos y a veces todavía no lo reconocemos como el Rey de nuestras vidas. Entonces, ¿cuál es el significado de los muchos milagros que el Señor ha hecho en nuestras vidas? ¿Cuál es el significado del mayor de los milagros: ¿la Eucaristía? Se ha dicho que se trata de un milagro en el que la presencia del Señor Jesús ha convertido a un grupo de hombres y mujeres egoístas en una comunidad de personas. Esta historia puede representar el milagro más grande de todos, uno en el que no cambiaron los panes y los peces, sino los hombres y la mujer. El Evangelio de Juan, volumen 1, William Barclay, 2004.

Eso es lo que le pido al Señor este domingo: que cambie nuestras mentes, que transforme nuestro corazón y nuestra comunidad, que nos ayude a ser más generosos y conscientes de las necesidades de la Iglesia en todos los aspectos, que nos ayude a responder a las preocupaciones sociales de la Iglesia, la que se dirige hacia los hermanos y hermanas más vulnerables y olvidados de nuestro mundo de hoy. ¿Cómo vamos a cuidar a los demás en todo el mundo si no podemos cuidar a los que viajan con nosotros?

Expreso sinceramente nuestra gratitud a cuantos son siempre generosos y dispuestos a responder a las necesidades de nuestra Madre la Iglesia. Gracias a aquellos que generosamente han estado apoyando nuestra campaña Unidos en el Ministerio que apoyan a nuestros seminaristas, la educación católica, nuestros sacerdotes jubilados y muchas otras actividades altruistas importantes. ¡Que el Señor multiplique tus bendiciones!

Sinceramente,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, July 27

5:30 PM †Joshua Gonzales (by Cordy Medina)
37th Wedding Anniversary
-Hector & Leticia Vargas

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, July 28

Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

7:30 AM Healing of the Sick
9:00 AM (Sp) †Erasmus Vargas
Almas del Purgatorio
Feliz Cumpleaños Fabian &
Maximiliano Chavez (por Mamá y Papá)

11:00 AM †Diego Carabajal (by Family)
†Luis Garcia (by Family)
Safety of all Brothers & Secure
Men & Women (by Les Flores)

Monday/Lunes, July 29

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20/Jn 11:19-27

8:15 AM Souls of Purgatory

Tuesday/Martes, July 30

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Mt 13:36-43

8:15 AM The Homeless
6:00 PM (Sp) Obispos, sacerdotes y laicos

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 31

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-8/Mt 13:44-46

8:15 AM Las Cruces Vicariate

Thursday/Jueves, August 1

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

8:15 AM †Don & Daryl Lithgow (by Gloria Lithgow)

Friday/Viernes August 2

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

8:15 AM †Patrick Madrid (by Cathy Madrid)
Marco, Maritza, Nancy &
Raul Cotto for Healing (by Mom)

Saturday/Sabado, August 3

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Announcement of Free Community Service:

Catholic Counseling

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have partnered to offer a valuable service to our community. We are providing free Catholic counseling sessions for individuals who feel the need to speak with a professional about family issues, personal problems, or the loss of a loved one.

Service Details:

Days: Mondays and Tuesdays
Location: Parish offices
Cost: *Completely free*

For more information: Contact the parish during office hours at (575) 524-8563
Reach out directly to Claudia Fuentes at (575) 386-7652

Do not miss the opportunity to receive support and professional guidance.

We are here to help you

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Anuncio de Servicio Comunitario Gratuito

Consejería Católica

Caridades Católicas del Sur de Nuevo México y la Catedral del Inmaculado Corazón de María se han unido para ofrecer un valioso servicio a nuestra comunidad. A partir de ahora, brindaremos sesiones de consejería católica gratuitas para todas aquellas personas que sientan la necesidad de hablar con un profesional sobre problemas familiares, personales o la pérdida de un ser querido.

Detalles del Servicio:

Días: lunes y martes
Lugar: Oficinas de la parroquia
Costo: *Completamente gratuito*

Para más información:

Comuníquese con la parroquia en horario de oficina al (575) 524-8563
Contacte directamente a Claudia Fuentes al (575) 386-7652

No pierda la oportunidad de recibir apoyo y orientación profesional.

Estamos aquí para ayudarle

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Emergency Pro-Life Dinner

Free

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A tax-funded abortion mega-center is being built in Las Cruces, where abortion remains unregulated up to the moment of delivery!

Join the Southwest Coalition for Life to learn a proven model how you can help STOP this dangerous facility... before it's even built!

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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, August 15, 2024

English Masses:
8:15AM, 12:15PM, and 5:30PM
Spanish Mass:
7:00PM





Athletica Vaticana reminds Olympic athletes of their great responsibility

Ahead of the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France, Athletica Vaticana encourages the athletes in fraternal friendship and reiterates Pope Francis' appeal for an Olympic Truce.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"The Olympics and Paralympics can be strategies for peace and antidotes to war games."

This reassuring message was conveyed by Athletica Vaticana, the official multi-sports Association of the Holy See, in an open letter sent to the athletes participating in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France.

In the text published on the vigil of the Olympic Opening Ceremony, the Association encourages the athletes to go forward in their fair play and success with a spirit of fraternity and closeness.

"With the beauty and fairness of each person's sporting gesture, and without ever resorting to shortcuts," Athletica Vaticana reaffirmed, "the Games can be opportunities for hope, in the small and big issues of each person and of humanity."

Olympic Truce

Athletica Vaticana lamented that the Olympics this year take place amid wars, tensions and injustice on a global scale, and while decrying this as a "dark time for humanity," it reiterated Pope Francis' appeal for an Olympic Truce.

Calling on sport to welcome efforts to promote peace, the Association noted that while the athletes may be unable to stop what Pope Francis refers to as, "the third world war in pieces," they are, however, able to cultivate a more fraternal humanity.

The popular and understandable language of sports, and its values, Athletica Vaticana underscored, all contribute to this aim.

'Marathon of life'

"Every training session, every challenge overcome, every moment of difficulty faced with courage, brought you to the Olympic Games is not just victory or defeat but a journey through life that is never done alone," reads the letter.

Recalling finally that Pope Francis reminded us that sport "is a great 'relay race' in the 'marathon of life,' in which no one is to be left behind," Athletica Vaticana concluded by inviting all Olympic athletes to win, together, "the medal of fraternity," with an embrace of sporting friendship and gratitude.

Cardinal visits Ukraine, conveys closeness of pope



SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST, FOUNDER OF THE JESUITS

Pride shattered

Íñigo López de Loyola thirsted for fame and glory. The boy, born in 1491 into the lesser nobility in Spain's Basque country, learned sword-fighting and all things military. As he grew, he danced, got into fights, toyed with women, and dreamed of imitating Spain's knight-hero, El Cid. It seemed as if his dream was being realized for a time: the man Íñigo was esteemed as a courageous soldier.

But in 1521, at Pamplona, a French cannonball shattered his leg. The leg was set poorly and was healing crooked. The soldier, concerned with his looks and prowess, begged the doctor to break it again. It was a long convalescence. Íñigo begged for chivalric romances to read to while away the time. There were no such books in his family's castle, however, so he was brought books he had no desire to read: a life of Jesus and lives of the saints. Boredom got the better of him, however, and at last he opened these volumes. It was like opening the covers onto a new world.

Íñigo began to imagine the life of Christ as he prayed, picturing the scenes. He began to think that people like St. Francis were braver than the bravest soldiers he knew. He still dreamed of knightly glory, but noticed that these dreams left him with a bitter aftertaste. Thoughts of the Lord or of the saints' sacrifices, on the other hand, were hard but left him with an abiding peace. He was being taught, he realized later: it was his first introduction to the discernment of spirits.

A new kind of knight

When he could walk, Íñigo wanted set out on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. But first he stopped at a monastery, where the well-dressed nobleman exchanged his clothes with a beggar. He brought his sword to the shrine of the Virgin of Montserrat and laid it before her, keeping vigil all night, as men do before they are knighted. For Íñigo the soldier had begun to understand: he would be a different kind of knight, serving a different Lady, a different Lord.

He lived in nearby Manresa for a year in great poverty, praying and doing penance. He had to come to terms with his past life and come to know the new King who had called him. While there, his "education" continued. He had moments of great consolation, when prayer was sweet, and moments of terrible desolation. At times, he was driven to near despair. Slowly, he began to see a pattern: the thoughts that remained and brought peace, even if they were hard, were from God. Those that glittered but were ephemeral, or that brought on later disconsolation, were not. His notes became the basis for a degree of insight into the spiritual life that has few parallels in the Church, and provided the foundation for his Spiritual Exercises.

There were gifts: one day, he had a kind of vision of the Trinity so beautiful that it left him in tears. The beauty of that vision remained with him all his life. It was part of his "curriculum" as he learned to see God in all things.

Brothers

Íñigo, who began to go by the name of Ignatius, did make it to the Holy Land, but he soon returned to Europe. He started preaching. This was not looked upon kindly by the Inquisition, which interrogated him but at last set him free. He set off for Paris to study. At the university there, he found roommates: another Basque, Francis Xavier, and the Frenchman, Peter Faber. On August 15, 1534, Ignatius, his roommates, and four others took vows. If they could not go to the Holy Land, they promised to place themselves at the service of the Pope in an obedience that was simply an expression of love. Five years later, that small group of friends adopted the name, "the Society of Jesus." The Jesuits were born.

Now a priest, Ignatius became the Jesuit's first Father General, until his death on July 31, 1556. He sent his companions on mission, some to faraway lands. Wherever they went, they carried with them what Íñigo had learned at Manresa: man was created, not to seek glory, but to love, serve and praise. To give glory, or to live "for the greater glory of God!"



Cardinal Tagle: Eucharistic Congress was a 'blessed experience'

In this interview with Vatican Radio, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle reflects on his experience at the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress in the United States, and shares the message Pope Francis had for participants.

By Christopher Wells

The National Eucharistic Congress in the United States was "a blessed experience for me," Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle told Vatican Radio on his return from the event, which he attended as Pope Francis' personal representative, known as a "pontifical legate."

The Pro-Prefect for the Section of First Evangelization for the Dicastery for Evangelization, Cardinal Tagle said, "It was palpable that people were responding to a calling from God who sent His Son Jesus in the flesh and whose presence remains among us in the Eucharist." And, he added, "This has sent the Holy Spirit touching their hearts through the voice of their pastors and their religious orders and their lay movements or groups, to come to respond to the call and to express their faith now in Jesus' Presence among us."

Recovering a sense of wonder

Noting that it was customary for the Pope to commission his legate with a personal letter, Cardinal Tagle said, "It was very clear that first, the Holy Father wanted to encourage the people to recover the sense of wonder, of amazement at the gifts, the spiritual gifts that the Eucharist brings to us, again, a sense of wonder."

He went on to say that "the Holy Father added immediately that having received the gift, they should impart to others the beauty of that gift - the missionary dimension of our Eucharistic devotion so that our Eucharistic devotion does not end up being a closed relationship between Jesus and me, and I forget the world and I forget others." Instead, the Cardinal explained, "If you have received the gift, then we should go on mission proclaiming the good news that we have seen, that we have tasted, that we have received."

Interview with Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

Pontifical Legate to the National Eucharistic Congress

Vatican Radio: Your Eminence, Cardinal Tagle, thank you for joining us this afternoon. You've just returned from the United States, where you were the pontifical legate, the pope's representative to the National Eucharistic Congress. Can you tell us about your experience of the event?

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle: Well, first of all, it is a blessed - and a blessing - a blessed experience for me. And I thank the Holy Father for sending me as his representative to the National Eucharistic Congress. You know, it gave me, first of all, an experience once again of a church in the original sense of the word, a gathering of people, but not just a gathering because they wanted to party or just because they have a common interest, but a gathering that is really a response to a calling.

And it was palpable that people were responding to a calling from God who sent His Son Jesus in the flesh and whose presence remains among us in the Eucharist. And this has sent the Holy Spirit touching their hearts through the voice of their pastors and their religious orders and their lay movements or groups, to come to respond to the call and to express their

faith now in Jesus' presence among us.

So for me, it's a wonderful experience to see the Church, in coming together in the name of Jesus, in prayer, in wanting to learn more regarding the Word of God through the speeches, through the catechetical events, and most especially through the testimonies of peoples who have been transformed by their Eucharistic life and spirituality. I count it as a blessing for me.

Q. And again, you were the representative of Pope Francis to the National Eucharistic Congress. Can you share with us, what was the message that you brought from the Holy Father to the US faithful?

Speaker2: Well, the Holy Father wrote me a letter - and it is customary for the Holy Father to write a letter to the person that he is sending, as a delegate, to any event, and in this case, to the National Eucharistic Congress. And aside from the letter, I had an opportunity to talk with him before my departure.

But in the letter, it was very clear that first, the Holy Father wanted to encourage the people to recover the sense of wonder, of amazement at the gifts, the spiritual gifts that the Eucharist brings to us, again, a sense of wonder. That's why I emphasized in my homily the sense of the renewed vision of receiving gifts, the sense of wonder at having been the recipient of this tremendous gift, which is not just anything but the presence of Jesus who fulfilled His mission of love by coming as one of us except in sin. So His mission is accomplished in His being a gift in the flesh. And now He gives His flesh to us as food as a pledge of eternal life.

So the Holy Father wants the people, not only those who attended, but everyone, especially the United States, to recover that sense of amazement and gratitude for the gift being received.

But the Holy Father added immediately that having received the gift, they should impart to others the beauty of that gift - the missionary dimension of our Eucharistic devotion, so that our Eucharistic devotion does not end up being a closed relationship between Jesus and me, and I forget the world and I forget others. No. If you have received the gift, then we should go on mission proclaiming the good news that we have seen, that we have tasted, that we have received.

So I just emphasized those two important aspects of the Pope's message to me, which I thought he wanted me to relay to everyone in the Congress.

Q. And in fact, the idea of going on mission and sharing the gift we've received is part of the ongoing National Eucharistic revival. That was the overall context of the Eucharistic Congress, and that's still ongoing. What fruits - given your experience in these past few days and over the past few years - what fruits do you hope to see in the Church in the United States as a consequence of the Congress and the Eucharistic revival?

Of course, we rely on the gift of God, the Holy Spirit that moves the hearts of people, and we rely on the power of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to produce those fruits.

But I can, in hope, also say that after listening to the people who had participated - even in the airport, I met some of them who were also flying out of Indianapolis - and I already see the beginnings of the growth of the fruits sown during the Congress.

First of all, I saw the joy of being gifted with the Lord. And that joy I hope will be spread by people. Because I think the Holy Father stressed that the *Evangelii gaudium*, the joy of the gospel, yes, our life as Christians, our Eucharistic practice are not just obligations imposed on us, but they are gifts to us that we should receive with gratitude and with joy.

And I saw much joy, much joy, and I hope that would be one fruit that people will see that following Jesus is a joyful matter. It is. Yes, it will have its challenges. We will bear the Cross, but we bear it with joy. Not with lonely and regretful hearts, but with joy.

And secondly, the fruit is also to encourage people to

come together, to come together for the Mass. Because I heard that there was, since the Covid pandemic, there was a drop in the attendance at Mass, the physical attendance at Mass. I hope this big gathering will encourage people to come back to church in their parishes and to experience the totality of the Eucharist, that Jesus gathers us as His Body. We listen to the word of Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word, we gather the gifts of the earth, the fruits of human labor, that will become the body of Christ. And then after receiving it, we go on mission, but before we can go, we should be gathered.

And I hope that this Congress would have encouraged the viewers, those who follow the Congress to go out and go back to church, be with the community, experience being Body of Christ and together also to go on mission.

Q. One last question for you. You're the pro-prefect of the section of the dicastery for evangelization dealing with the first evangelization and new particular churches. How can renewed Eucharistic devotion, not just in the United States, but maybe throughout the Church, contribute to the first evangelization?

You know, there is what you call an intimate connection between the Eucharist and evangelization. First, when we go to the experience of the early Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord, we see that the early Christian communities gathered to listen to the teachings of the apostles, to break bread together, and they shared their goods, their properties to be shared in common, especially with the poor. And according to the Acts of the Apostles, that gathering in the Word of God, gathering the Breaking of Bread, the gathering in charity, which is very Eucharistic, caught the attention of many people, and many were converted to the Catholic faith.

So the Eucharistic gathering is in itself a proclamation in action of the good news of what Jesus could do to a community, of what new life, the new life that Jesus brings to a community that is gathered in the Eucharist.

So we hope, we hope that, and I have to testify that in many parts of the world where Christians are a tiny minority, Christians are eager. They walk for miles and miles, even for days, in order to join the community in the celebration of the Eucharist. And in that gathering, they are renewed and they give



a witness to non-Christians about the good news. Sometimes it happens that it is the Eucharistic assembly that makes non-Christians curious what I call this holy curiosity. They ask why? Where are you gathering every Sunday and why do you share songs? Why do you share even your food with each other? They open the gates for us to proclaim what we have seen, heard, and touched Jesus in the Eucharist.

Q. Cardinal Tagle, thank you again so much for taking time to speak with us. I know you've had a long trip. Is there anything else you'd like to share as we conclude our interview?

Well, I just hope that people who went, from different parts of the United States - because there were pilgrimages leading up to Indianapolis - now the expectation is from Indianapolis, will there be a movement going back to the different parts of the country? That's where we have to be open to the Holy Spirit, that will lead us to bring Jesus wherever He wants us to go.

#AñoDeLaOración: ¿Conoces las semejanzas entre un enamorado y un devoto?



En este Año de la Oración en el que nos encontramos, en Vatican News echamos la mirada hacia el 2020, año en el que el Papa Francisco dedicó, durante sus Audiencias Generales de los miércoles, un ciclo de catequesis para reflexionar sobre "la oración". En este ciclo, el Pontífice nos regaló frases muy útiles para prepararnos este año para el Jubileo 2025.

Mireia Bonilla - Ciudad del Vaticano

Nos encontramos en el Año de la Oración, y este año tiene dos objetivos claros: el primero es "favorecer nuestra relación con Dios" y el segundo es "ofrecer momentos de descanso espiritual" que nos permitan alejarnos del estrés cotidiano. Francisco, en una de sus catequesis del ciclo que dedicó a la oración en el 2020, encuentra grandes similitudes entre una persona que reza y una persona enamorada: "El que reza es como un enamorado: lleva siempre en el corazón a la persona amada, vaya donde vaya. Por eso, podemos rezar en cualquier momento, en los acontecimientos de cada día: en la calle,

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en la oficina, en el tren; con palabras o en el silencio de nuestro corazón. Incluso un pensamiento aparentemente "profano" puede estar impregnado de oración".

El Papa Francisco durante esta catequesis dijo que "la oración nos va transformando": calma la ira, mantiene el amor, multiplica la alegría, incluso nos da la fuerza para perdonar: "Además, la oración nos ayuda a amar a los demás, conscientes de que todos somos pecadores y, al mismo tiempo, amados personalmente por el Señor. Somos seres frágiles, pero sabemos rezar: esta es nuestra mayor dignidad".

Cuando nos dispongamos a rezar, hayamos encontrado ese momento del día para tener nuestra intimidad con el Señor, el Papa nos pide que recemos especialmente por las personas que sufren a causa del dolor, de la enfermedad, de la soledad y de la precariedad: "Por tanto, recemos por todo y por todos: por nuestros seres queridos, y también por las personas que no conocemos, incluso por nuestros enemigos".

El Papa pide rezar incluso por nuestros enemigos. Porque rezando y amando así este mundo, descubriremos que cada día lleva escondido en sí un fragmento del misterio de Dios.

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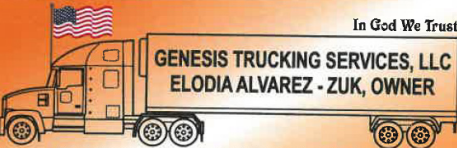
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