

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4)
Stained-glass window, Reconciliation Chapel, St. James Cathedral

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2010

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Out of respect for the prayer of others,
PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Noon)

PRELUDE

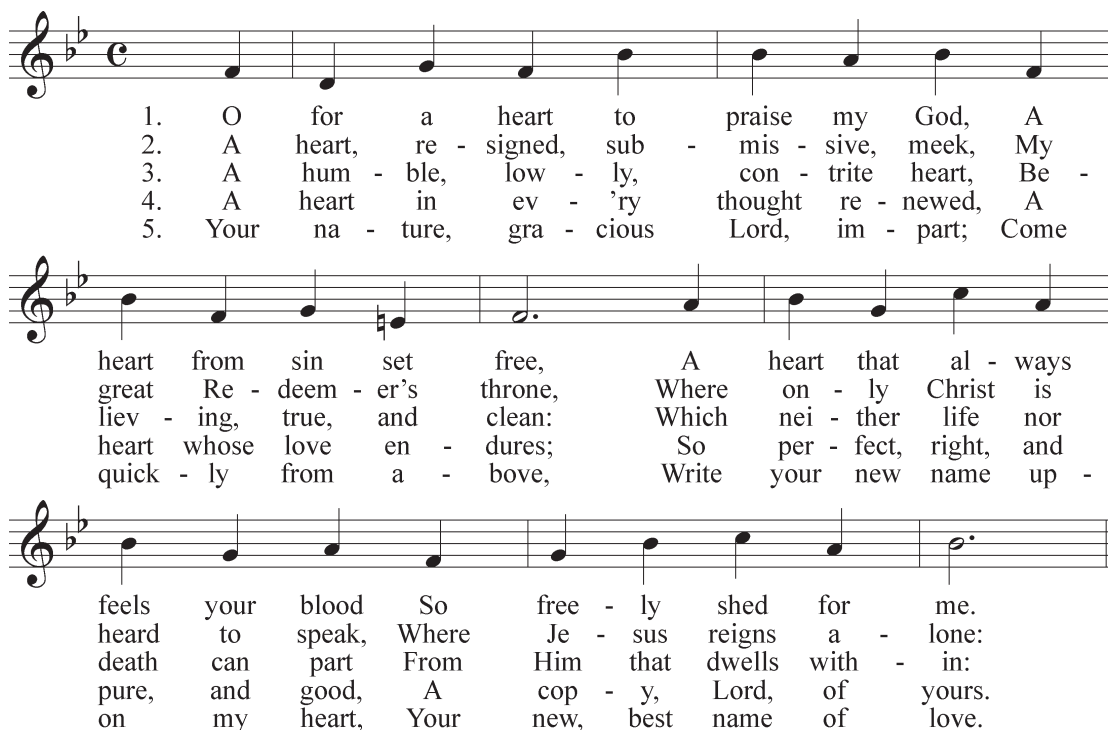
(Vigil & 8:00) "Benedictus" from *Mass for the Parishes*
(10:00 & Noon) "Minuetto" from *Symphony No. 3*

Couperin
Widor

ENTRANCE

O for a heart to praise my God

ST. ANNE



1. O for a heart to praise my God, A
2. A heart, re - signed, sub - mis - sive, meek, My
3. A hum - ble, low - ly, con - trite heart, Be -
4. A heart in ev - 'ry thought re - newed, A
5. Your na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; Come

heart from sin set free, A heart that al - ways
great Re - deem - er's throne, Where on - ly Christ is
liv - ing, true, and clean: Which nei - ther life nor
heart whose love en - dures; So per - fect, right, and
quick - ly from a - bove, Write your new name up -

feels your blood So free - ly shed for me.
heard to speak, Where Je - sus reigns a - lone:
death can part From Him that dwells with - in:
pure, and good, A cop - y, Lord, of yours.
on my heart, Your new, best name of love.

WELCOMING OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED (Noon)

PENITENTIAL RITE Text of Confiteor at No. 231

Herbolsheimer



1. & 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

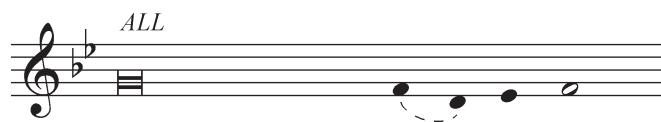
GLORIA (Sunday Evening)

(All other Masses)

No. 341, *Missa de angelis*

chant

Lee



Glory to God in the highest,
Lord God, heavenly King,
We worship you, we give you thanks

and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.
almighty God and Fa - ther.
we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world:
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:

Lord God, Lamb of God,
have mer- cy on us;
re- ceive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

you alone
are the Most High Je- sus Christ.
in the glory of
God the Father, A - - men.

With the Holy Spirit,

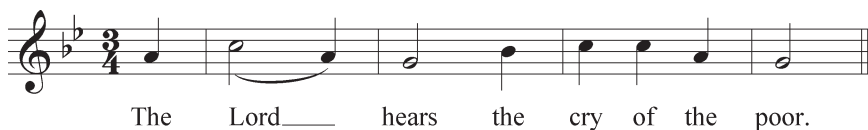
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS [*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14*]

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 34

Kreutz



ALLELUIA

Vulpus



HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

CREED No. 238

RITE OF BAPTISM (Noon)

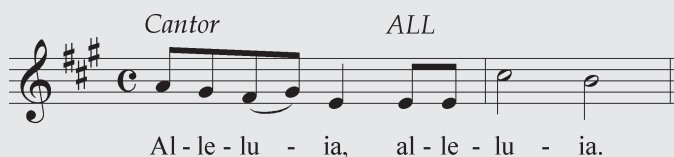
INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY OF SAINTS No. 827

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

PROFESSION OF FAITH *All join in the response, I do.*

ACCLAMATION FOLLOWING EACH BAPTISM

Herbolsheimer



SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ENTRANCE OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

EXPLANATORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

Psalm 34: O taste and see

Cavit

SANCTUS

St. James Mass for Peace

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

AMEN

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A - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

St. James Mass for Peace

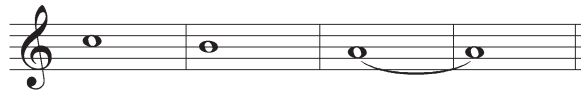
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Response 1, 2



Have mer - cy on us.

Response 3



Grant us peace. _____

COMMUNION

We shall rejoice in your salvation; and in the name of the Lord
our God shall we place our pride.

10:00

A Song of Praise

Fauré

O Thou mighty One, The hope of our salvation,
Eternal God, Lord of earth and sky,
We come and kneel before Thee.
O Savior, come and give thy blessing.
Send down to us the fire of thy power over-whelming.

When you return to your seat after the communion procession, please kneel or be seated. This is the norm for large parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle and we thank you for following our practice.

HYMN OF PRAISE

When I survey the wondrous cross

HAMBURG

1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross, On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and love flow min-gled down;
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a pre-sent far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all.

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (10:00, Sunday Evening)

(10:00) *Angelus Domini (Ave Maria)*

Biebl

PROCESSION

(Vigil & 8:00) "Offertoire" from *Mass for the Parishes*
(10:00 & Noon) "March" from *Symphony No. 3*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm

Weekdays 8:15 & 5:30 pm

Saturdays 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm

LITURGY of the HOURS Weekdays at 12:10 pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated four times yearly in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

MARRIAGE A formal program of marriage preparation over a period of several months is required, however, registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process 14 months in advance.

ANointing of the SICK A communal celebration is held regularly. In other situations (anticipated surgery, emergency) please call the parish office.

"TAIZÉ" ECUMENICAL PRAYER, Fridays at 6:30 pm.

TOURS of the CATHEDRAL Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, June through August. Groups of 6 or more may arrange a tour by calling Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays, after Masses on weekends. Call 206-382-4500 for information

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WELCOME! *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy here in a fitting and beautiful way. We are also able to offer a wide range of services to needy people living in the central district of our city.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today we take up a special collection to support missionary efforts in more than 1,100 of the poorest dioceses around the world—Asia, Africa, remote regions of Latin America, the Pacific Islands—as well as the Catholic Home Missions in the United States and its territories. On behalf of the missions around the world, thank you for your generosity.

FLOWERS IN THE CATHEDRAL are from the Saturday wedding of Erin Herlihy and Thomas Fritz. *Floral offerings are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or give thanks for a prayer that has been answered. If you have been inspired to give thanks with flowers, please contact Peggy Behnken at 206-654-4650 or pbehnken@stjames-cathedral.org for more information.*

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE We have a great selection of books for children, including some new titles, and some wonderful baptism gifts. Cathedral souvenirs, mugs, tote bags, postcards, and much, much more! The Cathedral Bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteers, and is open weekdays 11am-3pm, and after each of our weekend Masses. Stop by today!

THE CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO CART is up and running! Your friendly Cathedral baristas will be serving espresso drinks after the 10:00 Mass. During the month of October, all proceeds will benefit the Children's Religious Education Program. If you are interested in becoming a Cathedral barista, please call Sean and Katherine Berry at 206-571-6868. Training is provided!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING—FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH TODAY, October 24, St. Peter's Parish Hall, 1:30-5:30pm. Participants will learn the basic principles and identify the sources of Catholic Social Teaching. We will explore what is meant by "a consistent ethic of life" and how it is the basic theological principle which undergirds the Church's social teachings. We will also discuss the role of a Catholic's well-formed conscience in impacting the political world. Cost: \$5 per class. (Cosponsored by St. James Cathedral with the South Seattle Deanery) *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *Throughout the year, because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each of the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Seattle on a Sunday near their feast day. This week we remember in prayer the parishes of Our Lady of the Olympics Mission in Quinalt, and St. Charles Borromeo in Tacoma and Burlington.*

THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN has an opening for a part-time job sharing experience. The job requires unloading the gleaned van and sorting its contents; monitoring and cleaning the kitchen during prep time; monitoring the "guest" line and cleaning and closing up the kitchen at day's end. This is primarily a fill-in position to cover days when the incumbent is off or on vacation.

Information, Jill or Jim McAuliffe, 206-264-2091 or jmcauliffe@stjames-cathedral.org for more details and specific hours.

SOLEMN MASS OF ALL SOULS WITH MOZART'S REQUIEM Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 pm. If you would like to remember someone in the printed program or be a patron, please put your donation in an envelope marked "All Souls Patron" and drop it in the offering basket or send to the parish office. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to remember, as well as your name and address. *Information*, Music Office, 206-382-4874 or musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? You are invited to participate in the RCIA, a process of initiation into the Catholic community of faith. It is a process which encompasses the study of Scripture, Catholic teaching, and Christian values—the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action—all with the support and involvement of the parish community. A new inquiry session will begin November 3 on Wednesday evenings. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org. Also check out our webpage at www.stjames-cathedral.org/RCIA

ORGAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION St. James continues the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Rosales East Apse organ with James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey, on Friday, November 19, at 8:00 pm. Suggested donation \$15 students and seniors pay as able. *Information* www.stjames-cathedral.org/music, or 206-382-4874.

PRAYER WITH MUSIC FROM TAIZÉ Each Friday at 6:30pm in the Cathedral, all are invited to join in an ecumenical service of readings, silence, candlelight, and the music of the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. This simple, reflective prayer is the perfect way to end a busy week.

HOLIDAY WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS For the 6th consecutive year, the Marjorie Ryan Circle of the Association for Catholic Childhood (ACC) will be selling fresh, locally grown 22" mixed Noble Fir wreaths for \$20. And again this year we will also be offering locally grown, stunning, florist quality red poinsettias, sleeved in festive metallic Mylar wrap, in two sizes. All profits from this sale go directly to charitable children's organizations. Order forms will come to you in the mail if you are a former customer, or can be found at the Cathedral website, www.stjames-cathedral.org. *Information*, Gayle Kaplan at 206-527-5261 or gayle@kaplan1.com.

I AM IN YOUR MIDST AS ONE WHO SERVES

Volunteer Opportunities at St. James

TWO VAN DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED Van drivers who assist elderly parishioners attend Mass are urgently needed. The commitment is for one Sunday per month. Be a part of this rewarding ministry! *Information* John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, 206-274-3173 or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED Many people in our community require help with transportation, shopping, laundry, housework, and more. Advanced age, chronic illness and financial difficulties can prevent our neighbors from accomplishing these routine daily tasks. By volunteering just a few hours a month with Volunteer Chore Services, you can help someone stay in his or her own home, avoiding the need to move to a nursing home or other institutional setting. Training for this rewarding ministry is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia). *Information*, Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640 or slee@stjames-cathedral.org.

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED With difficult economic times in our nation, we are seeing even more people facing the crisis of homelessness. This past weekend, St. James began its 19th season of hosting our winter shelter. **We continue to need volunteers who can commit to serving as overnight hosts once a month from October through April.** *Information*, Suzanne Lee 206-654-4640 or slee@stjames-cathedral.org.

WINTER SHELTER DONATIONS Our shelter guests need new socks and underwear, as well as disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, mouth wash, deodorant, and other travel size toiletries. Please bring your donations to the Cathedral Hall after Sunday Mass or drop them off at the parish office Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"There can be no compromise with the standard Jesus set and continually calls us to: the measure of love is to love without measure." (USCCB)

October is Respect Life Month. This month, the Church asks us to pray for a greater respect for human life, from conception to natural death. Each Thursday in October, we are praying a special Rosary for Life following the 5:30pm evening Mass. All are welcome! *For more information on the Church's teaching on the "seamless garment" of life issues, visit www.stjames-cathedral.org.*



The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) represents the Catholic Bishops of Washington State: Archbishop Alex J. Brunett, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Seattle; Bishop Blase J. Cupich of the Diocese of Spokane; Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., of the Diocese of Yakima; Bishops Eusebio Elizondo and Joseph J. Tyson, Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

These reflections are offered to help frame the debate we hope will take place throughout our state as voters consider a number of ballot issues this Fall. We do not endorse any specific initiative nor indicate how people should vote. Our aim is simply to bring the light of Catholic social teaching and our tradition to this debate, so that the laws enacted will respond equitably to the needs of the people of Washington. We only desire to help society work for the good of all.

Seeking the Common Good Election 2010

Three of the initiatives that are to be voted on in November could change or restructure Washington State's present system of taxation:

- I-1053: Restates existing law that legislative actions raising taxes or fees must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval.
- I-1098: Taxes "adjusted gross income" above \$200,000 (individuals) and \$400,000 (joint-filers), reduces state property tax levies, reduces certain business and occupation taxes, and directs any increased revenues to education and health.
- I-1107: Ends sales tax on candy; ends temporary sales tax on some bottled water; ends temporary excise taxes on carbonated beverages; and reduces tax rates for certain food processors.



Two of the other initiatives on the November ballot would privatize a state business, which is a source of revenue for Washington State:

- I-1100: Closes state liquor stores; authorizes sale, distribution, and importation of spirits by private parties; and repeals certain requirements that govern the business operations of beer and wine distributors and producers.
- I-1105: Closes all state liquor stores and licenses private parties to sell or distribute spirits, and revises laws concerning regulation, taxation and government revenues from distribution and sale of spirits.

The Challenge We and Our Leaders Face

For some time we have been in the midst of a difficult economic situation. Over the last two budget years, Washington State has been forced to cut more than \$3 billion - an 11 percent reduction - with the result that many services have been reduced or eliminated.

Unemployment remains high and caseloads for government programs and health care costs have significantly increased. With a projected deficit of \$4 billion for the state's 2011-2013 budget, our leaders are once again faced with the complicated task of determining the appropriate level of government services.

More Than an Issue of Economics

The situation is serious and the factors which have given rise to the proposed modifications and reforms of the current tax structure cannot be ignored. Yet, the challenges before us are about more than economics. There is also an important moral component to them, which now more than ever cannot be overlooked. As changes to the state's system of taxation are being considered, we need to approach our decision-making with clarity of thought, balance and an eye to key moral principles which raise significant questions: *Who is responsible for the most vulnerable members of society? What is the role of government in ensuring the common good? What is the role of individuals and charitable organizations? What is a fair and equitable way to share these responsibilities through a just distribution of income and wealth?*



There are no easy answers to these questions, but our response to them will determine the character of our society and the kind of state we will be. We owe it to ourselves to carefully apply a moral compass in charting the direction we take.

The Light of Catholic Social teaching

Key principles of Catholic social teaching offer valuable insight to inform our discussion and decisions on these initiatives and their effect on the common good of society.

The Common Good: In their 1986 Pastoral Letter *Economic Justice for All*, the Bishops of the United States wrote that “human justice can be realized and protected only in community.” Human beings need the bonds of community to truly flourish. Indeed, we are “our brother’s keeper” - a truth that reminds us that the good of one is connected to the good of all.

Subsidiarity: Social problems can be addressed at the individual or community level, while some issues can be addressed only at a higher level such as the government acting on behalf of all. Charitable and volunteer groups make important contributions to the common good, but some challenges need government resources.

Distributive Justice: Some residents lack the basic necessities of life - a condition of inequality which harms the common good and cannot be morally justified (*Tax Reform and the Poor*, Pastoral Letter of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1989). Distributive justice is not about arbitrarily “spreading the wealth around”. Rather, it focuses on instances of extreme inequities in the availability of income and wealth and seeks to ensure that both resources and tax responsibilities are distributed justly and fairly to bring balance to the system.



Progressivity: The principle of progressivity holds that tax assessments should consider the level of pay earned by individuals and families, so that a disproportionate amount of their income does not go to meeting tax obligations.

Some Observations and Reflections

Using these principles as our framework, the WSCC proposes the following points for your consideration:

- The starting point in making decisions in this critical moment is the promotion of the common good. The first step is to identify the basic needs of people, particularly the most vulnerable, and determine if the state’s current budgeting process is adequately providing essential social services to address them. Only then can the discussion turn to the issue of how

to justly and equitably raise the revenues necessary to fund these basic needs and services.

- In evaluating the situation, careful attention should be given to what charities and volunteer groups can and cannot do to meet basic human needs in society. There are some services that these organizations cannot address and which will require the resources of the government.
- The sales and use tax currently accounts for 50 percent of the revenues paid into the state’s general fund. Sales taxes are regressive in nature, as moderate and low-income working individuals and families pay a higher proportion of their income than higher-income individuals and families. Any change in the tax system should keep in mind the principle of progressivity and redress any unfair tax burden placed on lower-income individuals and families, especially the poorest among us.
- Likewise, the tax burden for individuals and businesses within the state must be equitably distributed. All taxing options available to the state should be considered in determining the fairness of the state’s sales and property tax as well as the taxes borne by corporations and small businesses operating in the state.



A Pastoral Response

Catholic social teaching holds that paying taxes is one way that citizens meet their responsibility to promote the common good, especially addressing the basic needs of the poor. However, not all taxes, or tax systems are fair and just. In fact, many people feel overburdened by the myriad of state and local taxes they pay. We urge our Catholic community and all citizens to become involved in the process of developing a fair and equitable system of taxation. The initiatives on the November ballot deserve everyone’s attention. They highlight the widely-shared belief that the existing tax system in Washington State needs reform.

The lives of all individuals and families in our state will be affected positively or negatively by the decisions voters make. We encourage you to consider the ballot measures, form your conscience in light of our Catholic teachings, and vote, so that every person may flourish as God intended.

The Death Penalty

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH | No. 4 of 5

October 24, 2010

October is Respect Life Month! Each week during the month of October, a page in the bulletin will explore different aspects of Church teaching on the full spectrum of life issues: abortion, war, the death penalty, and euthanasia. This week, we look at the Church's teaching on the death penalty.

What does the Church say about the death penalty?

If non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person. Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm—without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself—the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are, in the words of Pope John Paul II, “very rare, if not practically non-existent.”

Catechism, 2267

When someone is murdered, their death cries out for a response, but violence in response to violence only perpetuates the illusion that cruelty and the taking of human life can balance the scales of justice.... We affirm the inherent dignity of every human person regardless of their age, stage of human development, usefulness, or behavior—no matter how violent or reprehensible that behavior might be.

Washington State Catholic Conference, *A Pastoral Statement on the Death Penalty in Washington State*, June 2009

Reflection

Forgiveness, the act of loving my enemy, like forgiveness of self, is not a sudden event, a rapid change of the heart. Most of the time it is a long



Hans Gottfried von Stockhausen, 1994

process that begins with the desire to be free, to accept ourselves as we are, and to grow in the love of those who are different and those who have hurt us or appear as rivals. It is the process of getting out of the prison of our likes and dislikes, our hatreds and fears, and walking to freedom and compassion. In the process of liberation, there may still be inhibitions, resentments, and anger, but there is also this growing desire to be free.

To understand the enemy both within us and outside of us is an important part of forgiveness. If we

work at it, God works in us, and, one day, resentments start to disappear. Forgiveness is to begin to love and accept ourselves, trying to understand and appreciate all that is valuable in us all, praying that what blocks us all from being free may break like a dam, so that what is most precious in us may flow forth. That is the final prayer of Jesus: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Jean Vanier, *Becoming Human*

People say that executing criminals does not take away from their dignity— if it is done with dignity. But the fact of the matter is that whether you're waiting to die by lethal injection— waiting for the poison to flow down your veins—or waiting for a bullet, or waiting for a rope, or waiting for gas, or waiting for the electric current—there is no difference: there is no lesser or greater dignity in dying. The practice of the death penalty is the practice of torture. And by the time people I have been with finally climb into the chair to be killed, they have died a thousand times already because of their anticipation of the final horror.

The profound moral question is not, “Do they deserve to die?” but “Do we deserve to kill them?”

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ

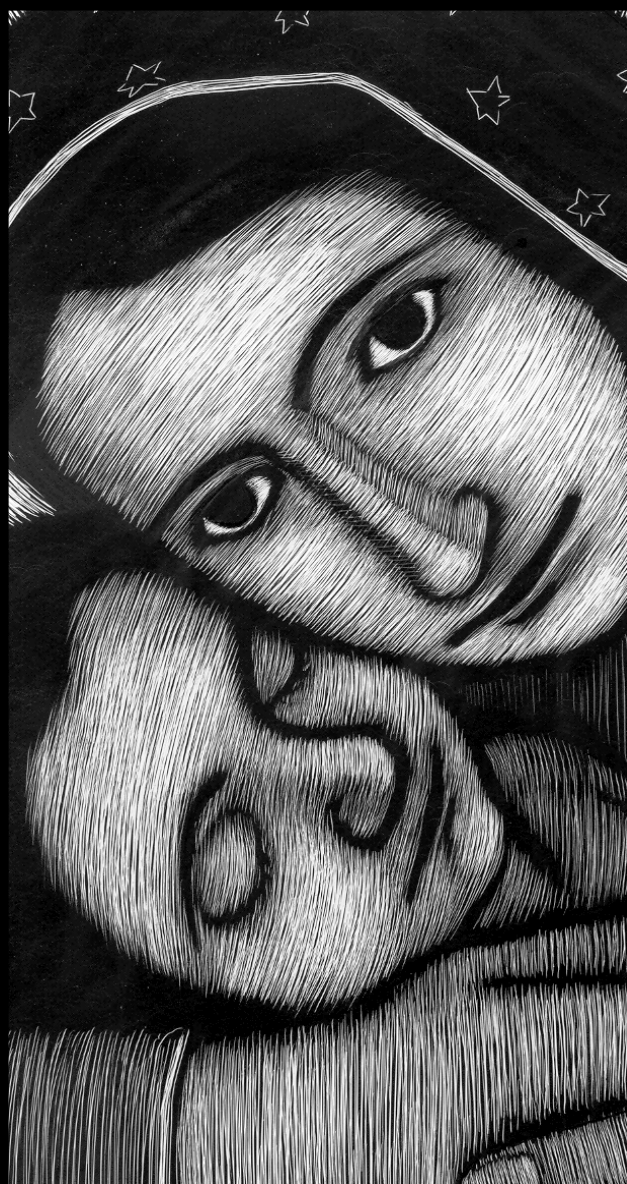


Pregnancy Support Ministry

St. James Cathedral works in cooperation with Catholic Community Services to provide assistance to pregnant women in need. Parish-based volunteers provide practical assistance such as transportation, babysitting and cooking meals. We are seeking new volunteers for this vital ministry in the service of life.

Orientation and Training
Wednesday, October 27th
1:00pm
Fireside Room
Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia Street

Information, Suzanne Lee
206-654-4640
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*You are my hope, O Lord;
my trust, O God,
from my youth.
On you I depend from birth;
from my mother's womb
you are my strength.*

Psalms 71

A New Shepherd for Seattle

On December 1, 2010, Archbishop-Elect J. Peter Sartain will be installed as the Ninth Bishop, Fifth Archbishop of Seattle. All are welcome to attend the installation liturgies, Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00pm, and Wednesday, December 1 at 2:00pm. As we prepare for this historic event, we look back at the bishops who have ministered here over the past 160 years.

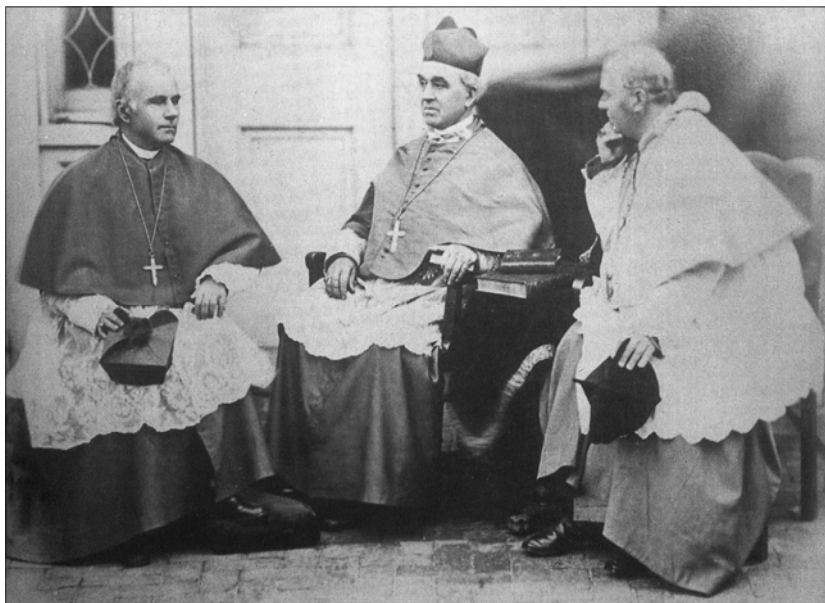
BISHOPS OF THE WILD, WILD WEST

The Church in the Pacific Northwest is deeply indebted to Francis Xavier Norbert Blanchet. Blanchet, with Father Modeste Demers, both natives of Montreal, was one of the first priests to minister in the Oregon Territory, and staunchly believed in a bright future for the faith here. In 1843, when the Holy See designated the region an apostolic vicariate, F. N. Blanchet became its first bishop. He headed home to St. James Cathedral, Montreal, where he was consecrated bishop, but afterwards he did not return to Oregon. Instead, he went on to Europe to recruit priests and religious for the West. He spent several months in Rome, where, amazingly, he succeeded in convincing the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda to elevate the new apostolic vicariate into an Archdiocese, with two suffragan dioceses. Not only that, but at his recommendation Father Modeste Demers was appointed the first bishop of Vancouver Island, and Blanchet's own brother became the first bishop of Walla Walla—later Nesqually—later Seattle.

A ROUGH BEGINNING

F. X. N. Blanchet's faith in his brother A. M. A. (Augustin Magloire Alexandre) was not ill-founded. Born in 1797, ordained at the young age of 23, he was a gifted priest, appointed to several posts of trust in his home diocese of Montreal. Upon receiving word of his appointment to Walla Walla, he, like his brother before him, was consecrated bishop in Montreal. He began preparations for the journey west. While his brother had traveled by sea, A. M. A. Blanchet decided to take the Oregon Trail. He recruited priests and seminarians, raised funds, and collected supplies, and set out from Montreal on March 23, 1847.

The Oregon Trail was something of a baptism by fire for the well-educated Blanchet, who (just a few weeks short of his 50th birthday) had spent most of his years of ministry in the elegant confines of Montreal's magnificent Cathedral. He was shocked at the liturgical laxness he encountered in the United States (they did not chant Vespers in the cathedral at St. Louis!). American men were always putting their feet on the table ("raising their legs as high as their heads when they are sitting down," wrote the shocked Blanchet). American servants were rude ("we have the opportunity to practice patience and charity," he said). And then there were the hardships of the Oregon Trail. Bishop Blanchet had to abandon many of his supplies along the way, including a plow, because the exhausted and underfed oxen simply couldn't pull



From left to right: A.M.A. Blanchet, F.X.N. Blanchet, and Modeste Demers

them any farther. There were unanticipated expenses that ate up almost all the money Blanchet had collected back home, so that he arrived in Walla Walla with almost empty pockets.

A HOME IN VANCOUVER

In Walla Walla, there was no rest for the weary travelers. No joyful assembly gathered to meet the new bishop, there was no solemn installation in the cathedral—in fact, there was no church at all. Walla Walla was not a city or even a frontier town; it was nothing but a "lonely fur trading post," a "forlorn and uncouth fortress" (Schoenberg).

Just a few months after Blanchet's arrival, the tensions between settlers and native peoples exploded in the Whitman massacre. The new bishop helped negotiate for the release of the captives, and tended the dying, but after visiting his brother the Archbishop in Oregon City in early 1848, he was denied access to Walla Walla upon his return, due to the outbreak of the Cayuse War. And if that wasn't enough, the California Gold Rush had drained the region of resources as settlers and even priests headed south in search of riches.

In 1848, Archbishop Blanchet wrote to the Sacred Congregation again, proposing a new arrangement of his vast territory, moving the seat of the northern diocese from Walla Walla to the safer Nesqually region in the west. Approval came in 1850, and for the first time since his consecration in 1846, Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet had a stable home, and a cathedral: St. James, inside the walls of Fort Vancouver.

—Corinna Laughlin



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