

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dominica Quarta Post Pentecosten (Latin Mass)
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Year of Saint Joseph

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is prudence.” (Proverbs 9:10)

Has our society gone too far with the banning of words which could express beliefs deemed hurtful to other particular groups within our society? I ask this question in light of the recent push to ban or cancel those individuals who express truths which, having been held by previous generations as truths, are now deemed too harmful to not be regulated. Some now profess a belief that “words can be violent.” Their response is to either “cancel” those who use these words or to justify violence as a means to combat the use of these words. I remember watching recent videos of young college aged people threatening to “punch a Nazi,” deeming anyone who disagreed with their worldview as the supposed Nazi deserving of being punched. I remind you of this recent lunacy to make one point: Without God, there is no wisdom!

As Catholics, we state clearly that we have made an intellectual decision to accept as true both the existence of God and the revelation of God in and through His Son, Jesus Christ. Further, we profess that Jesus established our Catholic Church to convey this true revelation through both Sacred Scripture and the Deposit of the Faith, our Tradition. Today, I propose that it is no longer enough for we, as Catholics, to profess the existence of God and accept His revealed Truth. We must likewise boldly profess and defend the necessity of God. God is necessary. Without God, there is no wisdom. Without God, the societies mankind has established will continue to devolve into these tribal factions we see so often displayed upon our computer and television screens. These factions, communities, parties, various groups which have become devoid of a sense of common decency and lacking an understanding of individual and communal morality. A morality, guided by the Holy Spirit, which finds its meaning in two statements of supreme wisdom: (1) Love God and (2) Love Neighbor.

Some would counter, stating that mankind “can” and “does” come to an equitable form of morality without any assistance from an invisible being, a god or gods. They will cite examples of ancient non-Christian societies which adhered to man-made laws and norms. They may point out modern societies and profess that these live by an established morality free of the Christian concept of God. Others will remind us of various times in Christian history when Christians failed, in their opinion, to live up Christian morality. Many examples they so often use are easily debunked by a simple rule of history: “Do Not transpose your own beliefs and values

upon people of a different historical era.” They scream for us to look at The Crusades, The Inquisition, or anyplace people of faith journeyed to spread the Gospel. We respond: “Alright, let us examine them,” only for them to scream louder and walk away satisfied that they did their part cancelling out another Bigoted, Sexist, Racist, Ignorant, Misogynist, Christian. Never once does it cross their minds all the blessings men and women, guided by Christian morality, have given to our world. It is much easier to shout down another person, using random examples from history, without taking the other’s guiding moral principles and virtues as making more logical sense than your own. As I have often said: “If you have a bad experience with one doctor, then do you abandon treatment from all doctors?”

Despite the failures of some, it was men and women guided by the morality they learned from Christianity who: fought to end slavery, sought equal rights for women and minorities, built hospitals, orphanages, nursing homes, universities, fed and clothed those in need, raced into areas destroyed by natural disasters and, most depressingly in our lifetimes, man-caused physical harm to their fellows. These are ordinary men and women, guided by their Christian moral compass, who have generously assisted their fellows.

Our modern doubters say societies without a morality based upon a Christian God would eventually, *IF* given enough time, come to the same moral life as a Christian society. If that is true, then where is the evidence to prove their point? Mankind needs God if mankind wants to live in a free, moral society. For the Christian and for the world we must profess boldly — God Is Necessary!