

EXPERIENCE BEARS WITNESS TO THE MISSION (Br Chilufya Chris, SDB)



Being a Christian is one of the exciting lives one can live. However, in a multi-religious, multi-cultural, cosmopolitan and multi-lingual society, the practice of faith requires prudence and dignity. Listening therefore, becomes a core element while trying to live amid variety of beliefs or even non-belief, yet without compromising one's faith. Witness becomes the tool for living a faith conviction that cannot be easily swayed. The mission of Jesus given at the end of the Gospel according to Luke testifies to this; "you are witnesses of these things (Luke 24: 48)." A personal encounter with Jesus becomes a distinguishing mark of authenticity of one's personal faith. Consequently, the mission that is born out of experience will be re-kindled and the zeal with which a Christian who has met Jesus in his/her life is so passionate that nothing will deter the person from following such a movement.



A young boy on his way to school runs into a bunch of robbers in the middle of nowhere determined to kill him. They stop this child and ask him to give them a reason why he should not be killed. The boy replies, "wait please, will you allow me to go to school, go home tell my mother about this before you kill me?" It might sound a bit weird but the experience of faith the boy had in his mother gave him courage to ask the robbers about involving the mother in the whole affair. The boy had earlier experienced trust and protection from his mother. This gave him courage and trust that he has someone to fall back on regardless of who it was that threatened his life. Seeing the courage of the boy, the robbers



sprung off leaving the boy to continue his journey. This experience the boy had can be likened to what the apostles shared, "what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)." Christian witness requires more of actions than words. In today's world, a lot is being said yet communication is less. Preaching is done in many places through various means yet witness to faith remains the greatest sign of what we are called to be as Christians. Mission to proclaim even to the ends of the earth (cf. Matt 28: 16 -19) bears but less fruit without practical witness. Our convictions are more meaningful when personal experiences play a part in our stories. We are all called to share our faith that we have experienced and lived. Look not for great miracles but the small and seemingly insignificant ones. Seeing God present and trying to share that with others knowing it is Christ that gives us the grace to recognize and appreciate these small experiences.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
- Fish that live more than 800 meters below the ocean surface don't have eyes.

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Pope Francis in South Korea: Anti-materialism message a tough sell for pope

By **NICOLE WINFIELD** and **JUNG-YOON CHOI** The Associated Press

DAEJEON, South Korea — Pope Francis told the Catholics to combat the allure of materialism, an appeal that might be a hard sell in South Korea, a newly rich and hyper-competitive country. Far from being considered an evil, the trappings of wealth are often linked here to the hard work, sacrifice and gritty persistence of generations who hustled their nation out of war, dictatorship and poverty into an Asian powerhouse. During his homily, Francis urged the faithful to reject "inhuman" economic policies that disenfranchise the poor and "the spirit of unbridled competition which generates selfishness and strife."

It's a theme he has raised frequently during his pontificate, railing against the "idolatry of money" and the excesses of capitalism that leave the poorest even further on the margins of society. While his message has been met with skepticism among some conservatives in the U.S. who have branded him a Marxist, it has been



much of the developing world and even some South Koreans said Friday he had a point. South Koreans have also been charmed by Francis' simple and humble manner — and surprised that he hopped into a modest compact car after arriving at the airport instead of the big luxury rides favored by the South Korean elite.

Francis stressed his message again later Friday during a meeting with some 6,000 young Catholics from 23 nations gathered in the sanctuary town of Solmoe, where Korea's first Catholic priest was born. "We see signs of an idolatry of wealth, power and pleasure, which come at a high cost to human lives," he said. Francis referred to the toll such competition can cause, saying it can lead to an emptiness and despair that grows "like a cancer" in society. "Upon how many of our young has this despair taken its toll!" he said.

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis

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HEALTHY AND HOLY IGNORANCE (Br Musonda John, SDB)

We write this in praise of ignorance! Yes, you don't need that knowledge. Please don't go down those roads. Don't be the first to touch that dial about the latest in the world of showbiz or who's in town for the weekend gig, social nets, antichristian publications etc. Don't over digitalise yourself; well some analogue in you may not be that bad. We are here saying its health and holy to be ignorant in many cases: this is our basis for the argument in this short reflection as the bible tells us "... you will be lured in following them. Do not inquire about their gods, how did these nations worship their gods? I, too, would do the same." (Deuteronomy 12:29-30).

The world of the youth to our understanding is held hostage to hustling for new things. Meanwhile the ransom for this requires us to remain logged in – indeed you have to remain logged in to be you. Human beings are always fascinated by new things; and living in this fast moving world we can bet that you too (youth) out there are in this scramble for new things. From experiences of the people we have spoken to, the many times that they have hit low in their lives is when they tried to know more than what's necessary (curiosity killed the cat we are told). Dear friends you don't have to know everything about social networks for instance. You don't have to be the first one to see what's been posted. You don't have to be everywhere, to know everybody and to know everything. We are simply saying don't inquire lest you be ensnared.

With this in mind we come to the praise of some ignorance. God put it candidly = do not inquire about them = indeed some ignorance is healthy and holy. We could as it were say it's not safe to know. We wish to further build a case for Christian youths who are not only alarmed but obsessed by anti-Christian

materials in circulation (anti-catholic, anti-pope, anti-Mary, *illuminati* movies/brochures and so on). Do you really have to know about all these? Does reading of such materials really help you or add anything to you? The bible says you don't have to read them = stay away and profess your healthy and holy ignorance. Don't even inquire about them. **CATCH WORD: you don't have to know everything about everything.** (Follow up comments: *mi-cah6c8@gmail.com*).

CARTOON OF WEEK



"IS THERE AN ACTION VIDEO GAME ABOUT THIS SAMSON DUDE?"



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I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE SHEPHERD OF THE FLOCK ... BUT I'M REALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE KEEPER OF THE ZOO

"Fear always springs from ignorance" Ralph

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TRUE LOVE WAITS (Brenda - Dar es Salaam)

I think the society at large these days views the practice of chastity as old fashioned and conservative. The media, in particular, advances the idea of sexual expression and liberation, which consequently discourages or even mocks chastity. Chastity is rarely represented favourably in the media. It is seen as an outdated viewpoint that ought to be done away with in our present culture, where "the right to freedom of sexual expression" is encouraged. You rarely hear a song on the radio nowadays that does not have a sexual connotation to it, or a popular magazine without a picture of a scantily clad woman.

Having been brought up in the Christian faith, I knew that having sex outside of marriage was one of the things God commanded us not to do, but it is only as I was growing up that I came to understand the significance of this and internalized it. I have been encouraged by my family, especially my mother, on the importance of waiting for sexual intimacy until marriage. Even though the media and our culture may try to portray chastity as an old fashioned practice, I know the advantages of waiting until marriage. Despite the media and our culture constantly portraying chastity as an old fashioned practice, I know the benefits of waiting for my future husband. I remain unfazed about the seemingly popular opinion of sex before marriage because I know the rationale behind my choice to be chaste.

Do I feel comfortable sharing this with others? Yes, I do! Even though it may not al-

ways be understood, it's still a choice I have made and I am proud to share it with those who are curious to know why I made that choice. Sometimes the question comes up because I wear a purity ring on my left ring finger. It's a personal reminder of my vow of purity to God. In a way, it is me giving a little testimony on how The Lord works in and through me in my life. In 1 Timothy 4: 12, Saint Paul writes: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

As young Christians, we are called to purity not only in body but also in soul. We should make the conscious effort not to cause our fellow brothers and sisters to stumble and fall into sin. Adolescence brings with it a lot of challenges, most of which are not easy to deal with. Without fervent prayer and God's grace, it is easy to give in. Though the world might say otherwise, there is a greater reward in waiting to give yourself fully to the one who truly belongs to you in marriage. "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies." (1 Corinthians 6: 19-20). True love waits.



"Good girls go to heaven and bad girls go everywhere"

— **Helen Gurley Brown**

***"I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."* Mahatma Gandhi.**

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