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REFLECTING ON LAUDATO SI': THE DIGNITY OF WORK

The vision for a more just, inclusive and sustainable society outlined in *Laudato Si'* points to work as a vital sphere for moral growth and personal development. Pope Francis underlines that the understanding of work as connecting us to God, to one another and to all of creation can be traced through Catholic social and moral teaching back through Scriptures to the Book of Genesis. In *Laudato Si'* he writes: "Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God" (127).



LAUDATO SI'

For too many people today the reality is very different: lack of opportunities, barriers to employment, unfair working conditions, feeling under-valued and unappreciated, bullying and exploitation. Work is such a central part of our lives that negative experiences here have the potential to contaminate other crucial areas, including health, wellbeing and relationships. The vision of an integral ecology in *Laudato Si'* provides a timely reminder of the need to reflect on where our work culture is headed. Are we losing sight of the real purpose of work? In the midst of all the public debate on the numbers of jobs available, are we hearing enough about the quality of work opportunities, the contribution to employees' personal development and wider social cohesion?

When the "use and throw away" culture is applied to people in the labour market, the consequences are devastating. At the extreme end of the scale we see human trafficking and modern slavery. Pope Francis points to human trafficking as one of the biggest threats to the global common good, "an open wound on the body of contemporary society" (*Address to Conference on Combating Human Trafficking*, 10 April, 2014). Insufficient attention to the quality of work, working conditions and the wellbeing of workers is one of the factors that allows this form of exploitation to continue. Survivors of human trafficking for forced labour will often say that one of the most damaging elements of the whole experience – worse even than the harsh and degrading conditions - was that someone could treat them like their work wasn't worth anything.

Victims of human trafficking and labour exploitation can be found throughout Ireland, in a range of industries and sectors. Their plight remains hidden because they do not have the relationships with the local community that would enable them to ask for help. Fear, and often language barriers, keep them confined to the margins of our society. Not enough people are prepared to ask questions about their treatment or working conditions. We need to realise that a commitment to the eradication of labour exploitation is not only an act of solidarity with the most vulnerable. Challenging exploitation benefits all workers. Human trafficking undermines the economy by taking away jobs, wages and employer contributions.

EU anti-trafficking day on the 18th October provides an important opportunity for awareness –raising. Informing ourselves about the possible indicators of human trafficking and labour exploitation is an important first step. Possible signs may include: workers who are not integrated with the local community, who appear to be subject to violence or threats, whose movements are controlled, who work long hours and appear to have little or no time off. More detailed information on how to identify trafficking and what to do is available from Act to Prevent Trafficking: www.aptireland.org. Sharing this information widely is an important step towards protecting the true value and significance of work.

Dr. Nicola Brady, Council for Justice and Peace
(tfrom Intercom, 2015)

NOTICE BOARD

Second collection for Diocesan Needs:

The fourth quarter collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, October 10th and 11th. Your generosity in this collection helps the running costs of the Diocesan Central Account which supports the administration and centralised activities of the Diocese.

Divine Mercy:

The Feast Day of St. Faustina will be celebrated at the North Cathedral on Sunday, 11th October, 2015 at 2.15pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2.15pm followed by a talk on St. Faustina's Diary and will finish with a Mass. All welcome.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

Carer's Support Meeting on *Wednesday, 14th October, 2015* from 3.00pm to 4.30pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock, Cork. All welcome. For further information contact: (021) 4972504.

Grow in Love:

Grow in Love is the new primary school RE programme being introduced from this term for Junior and Senior Infant classes. The new programme offers natural links between HOME - SCHOOL - PARISH and we hope that it will offer realistic ways for parents to work with their children at home and for parishioners to engage with the children, their parents and teachers throughout the primary school years. An information session will be held on **Thursday, 15th October, 2015** from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at the Blackrock Parish Centre with Speaker, Ms. Juliann Moran, Coordinator of the National Faith Development Team for those who are interested in finding out more. If you would like to attend please book a place by contacting Sr. Karen Kent at the Pastoral Development Office (021) 4537601.

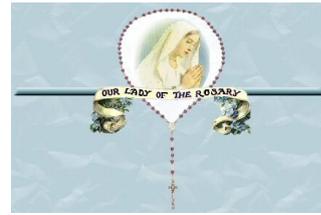
CUMH Service of Remembrance: Pregnancy & Infant Loss:

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on **Friday, 16th October, 2015** at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend.

Lost & Found:

A sum of money was found in Woodlawn, Model Farm Road during the week. Contact the Sacristy or Parish Office.

October - the month of the Rosary



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and on **Wednesday, 7th October** we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Maybe during this month you might take time to say a decade of the Rosary for the sick, for peace in our world, for our young people, for all who need our prayers and for your own special intentions.

The Rosary is recited every morning (Mon. to Sat.) at 9.10am prior to the 9.30am Mass which is being held in the Crypt at present. All welcome.

MASS TIMES

Sunday
9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays
9.30am

Eve of Holydays
7.30pm

Holydays
9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday 11th October, 2015**

First Reading:
Wis 7: 7-11

Psalms: 89

Second Reading:
Heb 4: 12-13

Gospel:
Mk 10: 17-30

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Weekend
Psalm:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen



May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.