Pope to Catholic Lawmakers: Heed Church’s Moral, Social Teaching

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis received a group of lawmakers on Sunday, who are in Rome for a meeting of the International Catholic Legislators Network. pope francis to icln: be guided by church’s moral and social doctrine

In his remarks to the legislators, Pope Francis noted the broad spectrum of political opinion represented by the legislators taking part, as well as the increased number with respect to previous years.

“As long as the contribution of the Church to the great questions of society in our time can be put into discussion,” said Pope Francis, “it is vital that your commitment be constantly pervaded by her moral and social teachings.”

The Holy Father went on to say, “The laws that you promulgate and apply ought to build bridges between different political perspectives; even when they respond to precise ends ordered to the promotion of greater care for the defenseless and the marginalized, especially the many who are constrained to leave their countries; and when they are in order to favor a correct human and natural ecology.”

Participants encouraged by experience

“We have an opportunity to meet here with other Catholic legislators and elected officials from other parts of the world, and to discuss common problems, opportunities – for our faith, and how to work together and support each other,” Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV) of the United States Congress, who is one of the participants in this year’s meeting of the ICLN, told Vatican Media in an exclusive interview ahead of the meeting with Pope Francis.

Mooney went on to say that the ICLN gathering has been for him a heartening experience.

“It’s very inspiring to see how people are fighting for family values,” he said, “it’s just more encouraging to see faithful Catholics from every country promoting the values of the Church.”

LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION—SCHEDULES: The new schedules and lists of Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion are now available in the Sacristy, unless you have received your schedule by email. The schedules cover the period from September 23 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) to November 25 (26th Christ the King). If you are unable to attend the assigned Mass, all Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded to PLEASE contact another minister to take your place. All Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion, except those who have received the schedules by email, are asked to pick up the new schedules after Mass as soon as possible from the Sacristy. If you are not currently receiving the schedule by email but would like to in future, please contact Mike Paynter at mchloj@sasktel.net. Your dedication and participation in these essential ministries is most appreciated.

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Mass Intentions
Monday, September 4
9:00 am *Jose, †Antonio, †Manuel & †Eulalia Sousa
Tuesday, September 5
9:00 am *Louis Rainville, *Edna Burke, Noreen Provost-Plant
Wednesday, September 6
9:00 am *Tony & Maria Sousa 7:15 pm *Nora Lientada
Thursday, September 7
9:00 am *John Lesar
Friday, September 8
9:00 am *Elma Melo & Family
Saturday, September 9
9:00 am *Jose Torrecampo Jr. 7:00 pm *Augustus Sousa & *Ylena Cabral
Sunday, September 10
9:00 am *Michael Chin Vu, *Anna Nhon Nguyen, & *Rosana Thu Vu 11:00 am For the Parish

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I think it is fair to say that when we attend Holy Mass we will find that the celebrant frequently uses Eucharistic Prayer # 2. If we listen closely, we will hear the words “like the dewfall”. This signals and sums up for us the history of the Old Testament and our teaching of the Eucharist. The readings for each Sunday have been carefully selected for each year and are intended to spell out for us the life-death-resurrection of Jesus. The Jeremiah passage is one of his famous “Confessions” which he shared with his followers. He was torn with grief; he felt and said that God had tricked him. In fact he used a very strong word; “duped;” in Hebrew the verb “dupe” can mean to receive a false impression. This passage tells us how much Jeremiah was torn with grief. God’s word made the prophet a fool, a laughstock of Jerusalem. He had recom- mended that they should surrender rather than defend them- selves. He is tempted to abandon his prophetic office. But God seized him and the prophecy is like a raging fire in his heart. He cannot but express it.

Paul had known a similar fire and urged the Roman Christians to hold fast to their faith. Their criterion must be Christ, not a set of human regulations. In Jesus they will be- come able of finding God’s plan for them.

In the Gospel we learn of a similar struggle in Jesus Himself. But when Peter, who had just recently at Caesarea Philippi declared his faith in Jesus as the Son of God, could not accept the new teaching of Jesus about His suffering and death.

But Jesus also was suffering with the contemplation of His own death. He turned to Peter and asked: “Do you love me?” Peter has become a stumbling block to Jesus. The mention of Jerusalem is significant since it had become the city of mar- tyrdom of prophets of earlier times; and St. Matthew’s earlier refer- ence (v.14) to Jeremiah indicates that he recognizes that Jesus and Jeremiah have very much in common.

Peter, on the other hand, cannot accept the implications of the Son of Man that Jesus has proposed; and he flares out against the prophetic teaching of Jesus. Much later, Peter, as the rock, must communicate Jesus’ teachings as Jesus taught them and not as human plans and practices.

In Jeremiah and in Jesus we discover that losing is finding. By losing Himself for His Father He found Himself, the apparent loss became an unimaginable gain. In Jesus, as in Jeremiah, always loses in finding. Married people who are able to link the Son of Man with their own needs and who also lose themselves for each other find themselves anew. At Holy Mass, at the Eucharist, we ex- perience the moment when Jesus totally loses Himself in the Father’s will and totally finds Himself in us. Eucharist chal- lenges us, the community, to accept Jesus’ way and become witnesses for others. In Eucharist we lose self and find the other. Losing is finding.

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2) St. Mary’s 2nd Annual December Raffle. Ticket cost is $10.00 each or three for $25.00. Tickets are now available at the office or from committee members following the weekend Masses. Draws for $50.00 will be held on Monday, November 6th, 2017. Wednesday and Friday in De- cember beginning December 1 with the grand prize draw of $500.00 on Christmas Day.

3) St. Mary’s 4th Annual Dinner with the Bishop will be held on November 29th, 2017. Guest speakers will be Archbishop Donald Bolen and Dr. Ernie Walker.

CWL MEMBERS: Next General Meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017. We would like to see more members coming out!! Mark your calendar!!

K OF C BREAKFAST The next Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 10th following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is wel- come!