

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for October / November 2009

October 4, 2009 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

October 18, 2009 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

November 1, 2009 (All Saints)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The saints are those men and women who exemplified the living out of Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. May we, as stewards of the Gospel, follow the examples set by the saints and daily demonstrate our faith in Jesus.

November 15, 2009 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

November 29, 2009 (1st Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life," warns Jesus in today's Gospel. Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with the love for one another.

October 11, 2009 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what *I* own keep *me* from following Jesus?

October 25, 2009 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the source of all they are and have.

November 8, 2009 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

November 22, 2009 (Christ the King)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God .

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October 4

“Concerns about health care costs and general financial uncertainty, along with serious discussions about limiting health care for the elderly, are currently reaching the boiling point. If assisted suicide is added to the cauldron, the final result can be doubly lethal. Making assisted suicide a medical treatment gives it the status of only one among many options for the treatment of certain conditions. In cost-effectiveness assisted suicide differs in a major way from other treatments. It is extremely affordable and can always be covered by health insurance. The force of economic gravity can lead to increased pressure on patients to request, and doctors to prescribe, assisted suicide.”

— Rita Marker, “Assisted Suicide: Death by ‘Choice’?” pamphlet from 2009 Respect Life Program.

October 11

“The subtle lies of today’s culture of death are a plague of spiritual leprosy, reducing the value of human persons to some arbitrary standard that changes like fashions. ... To the world around us, what matters is what we possess, but to the Lord, *we matter* because we are his beloved children, created in his image, for whom he died, and with whom he wants to live forever in heaven.”

— Rev. John Bartunek, “Why You Matter: A Reflection on Human Dignity,” pamphlet from 2009 Respect Life Program.

October 18

“Every child, at every age of development, brings us God’s smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.”

- Flyer for 2009 Respect Life Program.

October 25

“The bishops’ conference views health care as a basic right belong to all human beings, from conception to natural death...Much-needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an ‘abortion rights’ agenda or reversing longstanding current policies against federal abortion mandates and funding. In this sense, we urge you to make this legislation ‘abortion neutral’ by preserving longstanding federal policies that prevent government promotion of abortion and respect conscience rights.”

— Justin Cardinal Rigali, Letter to members of House Energy and Commerce Committee, July 29, 2009.

Intercessions for Life

October 2009

October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time & Respect Life Sunday

For all married couples:

that they may express ever more fully the generous love of God,
especially by joyfully accepting the great blessing of children;

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October 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all missionaries who have given up everything to serve Christ:

that their lives of joyful sacrifice may speak truth
in the midst of cultures that value possessions over human life;

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October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all those who build a culture of life

by caring for the sick and the suffering:

that they may have hearts like Jesus,
who willingly made himself the servant of all;

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October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those who are blind to the genuine dignity

of each and every human person:

that the Lord may enlighten their minds and hearts
to recognize the inherent worth of every person;

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**Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry
Diocese of Youngstown**

Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes – October 2009
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October 4

“Numerous studies as well as life experiences have shown that taxpayer support of contraception does not reduce unintended pregnancies and abortions. For example, a 2006 study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute presents evidence that those States which are aggressive in promoting contraception also have the highest abortion rates.”

- Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop of Youngstown

October 11

A fundamental reason why increased access to contraceptives fails to reduce unintended pregnancies is a well-documented fact of human behavior called risk compensation. Those who mistakenly believe that contraception protects them from pregnancy and STDs are more likely to become sexually active at an earlier age and to engage in riskier activity.

—Susan E. Wills, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Contraception: The Fine Print”

October 18

It is important to understand that hormonal drugs and devices are not “medications” given to cure a disease, where the benefit of restoring health makes some level of risk acceptable. Hormonal contraceptives are powerful *steroids* intended to disrupt a normal, functioning reproductive system. The drugs powerful enough to accomplish that purpose also disrupt the healthy functioning of other systems. The more successful they are at disrupting ovulation, the more risks they pose to a woman’s overall health.

—Susan E. Wills, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Contraception: The Fine Print”

October 25

Many married couples remain unaware that modern scientific methods of Natural Family Planning enable them to space the birth of their children and, for sound reasons, limit the size of their family, in a way that is lovingly obedient to Jesus Christ and his Church, while avoiding the sin of contraception.

—Susan E. Wills, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Contraception: The Fine Print”

Sharing Hope In Tough Times

Reflections & Prayer Intention Suggestions for Your Bulletin: November 2009

Date: November 1, 2009

Reflection: We all know families who struggle, but are too proud to ask for help. Why not leave a basket of canned goods on their doorstep anonymously?

Prayer Intention: That those who carry their financial burdens silently find comfort and peace in the Lord.

Date: November 8, 2009

Reflection: An inexpensive dish you bring to your neighbor who is home from work with an injury isn't nearly as valuable as the love with which it's offered.

Prayer Intention: For those who suffer from work-related injuries, that the Lord bless them with peace of mind as they recover through the stability of their job.

Date: November 15, 2009

Reflection: When we are prepared, we are free to live confidently. How might our household stewardship reflect cautious spending in face of economic change we might encounter?

Prayer Intention: For those who struggle with their weekly financial obligations, that the Lord bless them with both the will and the wisdom to overcome their difficulties.

Date: November 22, 2009

Reflection: Pope Benedict XVI writes, "Every economic decision has a moral consequence." (Caritas in Veritate, #37) Christ is our King, even in the marketplace. May we all conduct business accordingly.

Prayer Intention: That Christian business leaders run their companies with honesty, compassion and fairness toward their employees, their customers, and their competitors.

Date: November 28, 2009

Reflection: Today we begin a new Church year. Perhaps an old friend might need a new beginning with employment. Is there something you can do to help?

Prayer Intention: For those who continue to struggle in finding employment as Christmas approaches, that they may find work.

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