**6th Sunday of Easter Year B.**

**Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 97(98):1-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17**

**We have been loved, as such we must love: Help Not Hinder.**

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St. Francis De Sales rightly said that “with a drop of honey you can catch more flies than a barrel of vinegar” Here Francis explains that through our little acts of love, we can become agents of that peace and transformation that our world direly needs. Thus by being loving and being compassionate, by being available to offer a hand of assistance, and by lending our ears to other people, we can attract people to God, and as well influence them towards becoming too agents of peace and love which the world needs. Our love is expected to be a reciprocation of the love which God has for us, that is why St John would tell us that we owe debts of love to one another. God has everlasting love for us, loved us first, as such we love our neighbors in appreciation of the love God has showered on us. It was Jesse Jackson who said: “never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.” Peter looked down on Cornelius, who prostrated before him, stooped and helped him up.” He stooped to conquer a soul unto the Lord; so must we all do to all we encounter.” Today therefore, we are reminded that: God loves us; and we should be happy for we are privileged to be loved by God. God is for us as such no one can be against us? God wants us to love one another: Our life must be a demonstration of the love Jesus showed us- we are therefore to possess the willingness to lay down our lives for others; and for our friends. Heroes everywhere are those who were determined to sacrifice their pleasures, their wealth, time and talents to see that others have good lives. Great parents, great governments, great doctors, and great teachers etc; have one thing in common. They have always been those who made sacrifices for those whom they served and loved; even to the point that it was painful to them. Genuine love is shown by our willingness to let go (to sacrifice) that others may be served better. When considering for instance world medical heroes, we talk of those who made huge sacrifices with even their lives so that discoveries are made that would save lives at their time and in the future. That is the kind of love we are called to embrace today; loving in imitation of Christ. That love that leads us to sacrifice to the point that it hurts. God is love: we have to be heralds of his love in the world: we have to love our brothers and sisters because God loves them, and they are images of God. God has loved us with an everlasting and eternal love. Thus as God’s children, we have to abide by that same love, it is then that God’s joy will dwell in us and then our joy will be complete. In the next week, we shall be celebrating and honoring our mothers; it is also a celebration of love. Yes Great Minds Think of Moms. This story by Katherine L. Houge has it that after a long, exhausting day, a man was heading home. On the road, he passed by an elderly woman who was standing by a car with a flat tire. His conscience got the better of him; if that were my mother, he thought, i would want someone to help her. With a tired sigh, he turned around and drove back. Just as he reached the stranded woman, a truck driver pulled up and a burly farmer got out. “Kind of reminds you of your mom, too?” the man asked; and after that the two of them pitched in together to change the tire. â€“ Moms are the greatest gift God gave to humanity, the greatness of most of our mothers is because, and they stooped to lift us to whatever great attainments we have reached today. They showed sacrificial love; love beyond telling. We recognize the sacrifice of our mothers; for instance, most of them dropped out from schools and stopped growth in their careers because they decided to be around to care for us; one relative of mine for instance started her masters five years ago and had a challenged child who was so dependent until (8th December of 2017) when he died , for these five years this child was sick, she sacrificed growth in her teaching career; for the child, she had no plans for holidays, and was mostly off and on to the hospitals alongside with her husband; I know most mothers here would connect with this. Mothers can make sacrifices; great sacrifices that are deeply rooted in love. Sacrifice is one evident way we show love; the greater the sacrifice, the more real the love is. Christ taught us the extreme love; he gave his life for us. He also demands us to make sacrifices to one another in expression of thanks to him over the love he has shown us. Jesus is a friend like no other; he was willing to make sacrifice of his life for us. When we were lost and abandoned, he identified with us. The saying has it that in prosperity, our friends know us, while in adversity, we know our true friends. Christ is our true friend who helped us up, when we were totally abandoned. A friend who identified with us in our moments of torments; a friend who saw us through our adversity; who guided us back home to the fathers house. He is a friend of the friendless-(Ha Shabna); a friend of the poor (Anawim Yahweh). Peter having learned from the love of the Lord, in the first reading practiced love; love to the dejected, and the abandoned. Peter identified with the pagan (Cornelius); when Cornelius moved by the Holy Spirit wanted to totally surrender to Jesus, Peter gave him a welcome, he gave him a helping hand. Like Peter, we are called to lift people up to Jesus, make them always find reasons to hope, to have the feeling that God can never abandon them, and that he will always be for us our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come.

**VI Domingo de Pascua Ano B.**

**Hechos 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Salmo 97(98):1-4; 1 Juan 4:7-10; Juan 15:9-17**

**Hemos sido amados, como tales debemos amar: Ayudar, No Estorbar.**

**Reverendo Henry Aguwa Chukwuemeka**

San Francisco De Sales dijo con razÃ³n que “con una gota de miel se pueden cazar mÃ¡s moscas que un barril de vinagre”. AquÃ­ Francisco explica que a travÃ©s de nuestros pequeÃ±os actos de amor, podemos convertirnos en agentes de esa paz y transformaciÃ³n que nuestro mundo tanto necesita. . AsÃ­, al ser amorosos y compasivos, al estar disponibles para ofrecer una mano de ayuda y al prestar nuestros oÃ­dos a otras personas, podemos atraer a las personas hacia Dios y tambiÃ©n influenciarlas para que se conviertan en agentes de paz y amor que el mundo necesita. necesidades. Se espera que nuestro amor sea una reciprocidad del amor que Dios tiene por nosotros, por eso San Juan nos dirÃ­a que tenemos deudas de amor unos con otros. Dios tiene amor eterno por nosotros, nos amÃ³ primero, por eso amamos a nuestro prÃ³jimo en agradecimiento por el amor que Dios ha derramado sobre nosotros. Fue Jesse Jackson quien dijo: "nunca menosprecies a nadie a menos que le estÃ©s ayudando a levantarse". Pedro mirÃ³ a Cornelio, quien se postrÃ³ ante Ã©l, se inclinÃ³ y lo ayudÃ³ a levantarse”. Se agachÃ³ para conquistar un alma para el SeÃ±or; lo mismo debemos hacer todos con todo lo que encontramos”. Por lo tanto, hoy se nos recuerda que: Dios nos ama; y deberÃ­amos estar felices porque tenemos el privilegio de ser amados por Dios. Dios es por nosotros como tal Â¿nadie puede estar contra nosotros? Dios quiere que nos amemos unos a otros: Nuestra vida debe ser una demostraciÃ³n del amor que JesÃºs nos mostrÃ³; por lo tanto, debemos poseer la voluntad de dar nuestra vida por los demÃ¡s; y para nuestros amigos. Los hÃ©roes en todas partes son aquellos que estaban decididos a sacrificar sus placeres, su riqueza, su tiempo y sus talentos para que otros tuvieran una buena vida. Grandes padres, grandes gobiernos, grandes mÃ©dicos y grandes maestros, etc.; tienen una cosa en comÃºn. Siempre han sido aquellos que hicieron sacrificios por aquellos a quienes servÃ­an y amaban; Incluso hasta el punto de que les resultÃ³ doloroso. El amor genuino se demuestra por nuestra disposiciÃ³n a dejar ir (sacrificar) para que otros puedan recibir un mejor servicio. Cuando consideramos, por ejemplo, a los hÃ©roes mÃ©dicos mundiales, hablamos de aquellos que hicieron enormes sacrificios incluso con sus vidas para hacer descubrimientos que salvarÃ­an vidas en su momento y en el futuro. Ã‰sa es la clase de amor que estamos llamados a abrazar hoy; amando a imitaciÃ³n de Cristo. Ese amor que nos lleva al sacrificio hasta el punto de doler. Dios es amor: tenemos que ser heraldos de su amor en el mundo: tenemos que amar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas porque Dios los ama, y â€‹â€‹ellos son imÃ¡genes de Dios. Dios nos ha amado con un amor eterno y eterno. AsÃ­, como hijos de Dios, tenemos que regirnos por ese mismo amor, es entonces que el gozo de Dios habitarÃ¡ en nosotros y entonces nuestro gozo serÃ¡ completo. La prÃ³xima semana estaremos celebrando y honrando a nuestras madres; tambiÃ©n es una celebraciÃ³n del amor. SÃ­, las grandes mentes piensan en las mamÃ¡s. Esta historia de Katherine L. Houge cuenta que despuÃ©s de un dÃ­a largo y agotador, un hombre se dirigÃ­a a casa. En el camino, pasÃ³ junto a una anciana que estaba parada junto a un automÃ³vil con una llanta pinchada. Su conciencia se apoderÃ³ de Ã©l; Si esa fuera mi madre, pensÃ³, me gustarÃ­a que alguien la ayudara. Con un suspiro de cansancio, dio media vuelta y condujo de regreso. Justo cuando alcanzaba a la mujer varada, un camionero se detuvo y un granjero corpulento se bajÃ³. “Â¿TambiÃ©n te recuerda a tu mamÃ¡?” preguntÃ³ el hombre; y despuÃ©s de eso los dos colaboraron juntos para cambiar la llanta. â€“ Las mamÃ¡s son el regalo mÃ¡s grande que Dios le dio a la humanidad, la grandeza de la mayorÃ­a de nuestras madres se debe a eso, y ellas se rebajaron para elevarnos a cualquier gran logro que hayamos alcanzado hoy. Mostraron amor sacrificial; amor mÃ¡s allÃ¡ de lo dicho. Reconocemos el sacrificio de nuestras madres; por ejemplo, la mayorÃ­a de ellos abandonaron la escuela y detuvieron el crecimiento en sus carreras porque decidieron estar cerca para cuidarnos; una pariente mÃ­a, por ejemplo, comenzÃ³ su maestrÃ­a hace cinco aÃ±os y tenÃ­a un hijo con dificultades que era muy dependiente hasta que (8 de diciembre de 2017) muriÃ³, durante estos cinco aÃ±os este niÃ±o estuvo enfermo, ella sacrificÃ³ el crecimiento en su carrera docente; para el niÃ±o no tenÃ­a planes de vacaciones y pasaba la mayor parte del tiempo yendo y viniendo a los hospitales junto con su marido; SÃ© que la mayorÃ­a de las madres aquÃ­ se conectarÃ­an con esto. Las madres pueden hacer sacrificios; grandes sacrificios profundamente arraigados en el amor. El sacrificio es una forma evidente de mostrar amor; cuanto mayor es el sacrificio, mÃ¡s real es el amor. Cristo nos enseÃ±Ã³ el amor extremo; Ã©l dio su vida por nosotros. TambiÃ©n nos exige que nos sacrifiquemos unos a otros en expresiÃ³n de agradecimiento por el amor que nos ha mostrado. JesÃºs es un amigo como ningÃºn otro; estuvo dispuesto a sacrificar su vida por nosotros. Cuando estÃ¡bamos perdidos y abandonados, Ã©l se identificÃ³ con nosotros. Dice el refrÃ¡n que en la prosperidad nuestros amigos nos conocen, mientras que en la adversidad conocemos a nuestros verdaderos amigos. Cristo es nuestro verdadero amigo que nos ayudÃ³ a levantarnos cuando estÃ¡bamos totalmente abandonados. Un amigo que se identificÃ³ con nosotros en nuestros momentos de tormento; un amigo que nos vio a travÃ©s de nuestra adversidad; quien nos guiÃ³ de regreso a la casa del padre. Es amigo de los que no tienen amigos (Ha Shabna); amigo de los pobres (Anawim Yahweh). Pedro, habiendo aprendido del amor del SeÃ±or, en la primera lectura practicÃ³ el amor; amor a los abatidos y abandonados. Pedro se identificÃ³ con el pagano (Cornelio); cuando Cornelio movido por el EspÃ­ritu Santo quiso entregarse totalmente a JesÃºs, Pedro le dio la bienvenida, le tendiÃ³ una mano amiga. Como Pedro, estamos llamados a elevar a los hombres hacia JesÃºs, a hacerles encontrar siempre motivos de esperanza, a tener el sentimiento de que Dios nunca podrÃ¡ abandonarlos y que Ã©l serÃ¡ siempre para nosotros nuestra ayuda en los siglos pasados â€‹â€‹y nuestra esperanza en el futuro. los prÃ³ximos aÃ±os.