

Message From The Pastor

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Sin (Part Two)

Yesterday, the Lenten Reflection concluded with a question. It was “Why don’t more good members of the Catholic Church participate in the Sacrament of Confession?”

Daniel Prieto, penned an article about the “excuses” offered for not going to confession. The following are some interesting “excuses.”

1. “I am worried others might see me in the confession line.
2. I don’t feel forgiven when I confess.
3. The priest gives me a hard time and exaggerates.
4. The priest seems to dislike me and doesn’t listen to me.
5. I can confess directly to God.
6. I will go when I really sorry for what I did.
7. Why should I confess my sins to another sinner?
8. I don’t need confession I am aware of my sins and I can correct them myself.
9. God isn’t going to forgive me for what I did.
10. I know the priest, so it is embarrassing to tell him what I have done.
11. I am not going to tell anyone my sins.
12. My sins are a private matter between me and God.”

The aforementioned are inadequate excuses, when considering the benefits of going to Confession! Once again, here are the benefits:

1. Forgiveness of sins, whatever and how often the sins was done or said.
2. Reconciliation with God.
3. Peace of conscience.
4. Spiritual comfort.
5. Strength to live as a Christian in this world with its temptations.
6. Removal of the temporal punishment due to sin.
7. Remission of eternal punishment resulting from mortal sin.

Mahatma Gandhi, a holy man, was not a Catholic Christian. But, the following is what he stated about the beauty of a confession. “Confession of errors is like a broom which sweeps away the dirt and leaves the surface brighter and clearer. I feel stronger for confession.”

Isn't time for you to go to Confession? No excuses. It's Lent. What better time to do so?

Peace

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