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Pope Francis urges diplomacy in new Gulf crisis and strength in repairing Italian city

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ROME - Speaking during a visit to a city in central Italy devastated by an earthquake in 2016, Pope Francis on Sunday said he is closely following the tensions in the Middle East. His appeal for diplomacy to resolve “the complex problems” of the region came after attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman raised flags among many in the international community.

“I invite everyone to use the instruments of diplomacy to resolve the complex problems of the conflicts in the Middle East,” he said.

“I renew a heartfelt appeal to the international community to make every possible effort to favor dialogue and peace,” he said after saying a Mass for several thousand people in Camerino, a university city in Italy’s central Marche region.

Though the United States claims Iran was behind Thursday’s explosions, Tehran denies the accusation. Francis made the appeal for peace after leading those gathered in the traditional Sunday Angelus prayer. During the Angelus the pope also noted that Thursday marks the United Nations World Refugee Day, saying: “This day invites everyone to show solidarity with the men, women and children fleeing wars, persecution and violations of fundamental rights,” he said, before urging church and civil communities to be attentive to the sufferings of refugees.

While in Camerino for his day-trip, Francis donned a white fire fighter’s helmet to visit the cathedral, which was severely damaged in the earthquake. Inside, he prayed before a statue of the Virgin Mary that had her face and hands cut in half by falling debris.

Francis also said Sunday Mass, visited several families, met with children who are preparing to make their First Communion, and entered the city’s “red zone,” considered still too dangerous due to the risk of further collapses.

Camerino and the nearby Italian hill-towns were hit by two earthquakes, on Aug. 24 and Oct. 30 in 2016, that left nearly 300 people dead and countless buildings in ruins. At a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter Scale they were two of the most destructive earthquakes to hit Italy in the past 30 years, with the exception of those that devastated L’Aquila in 2009.

Before the Angelus, during his homily, Francis noted that this Sunday the Church marks the feast of the Holy Trinity, which is not a “theological puzzle” but the “mystery of God’s closeness.”

God, he said, is not “up there, distant and indifferent,” but he sent the Spirit knowing that it takes “more strength to repair than to rebuild.”

Noting that almost three years have passed since the earthquake struck, he said that there’s the risk that “after the first emotional and media involvement, attention falls and promises are forgotten.” However, God “pushes us to remember, repair, rebuild, and to do so together,” he said, “without ever forgetting those who suffer.”

“I came here today to be close to you,” Francis said towards the end of his homily. “To pray with you to the God who remembers, the God of hope, the God who is close to us so that what is unstable on earth will not shake the certainty that we hold within us.”

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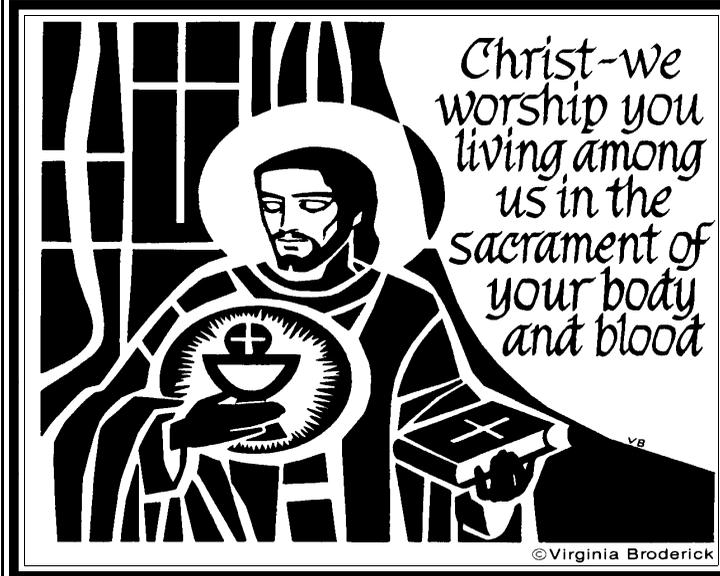
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Baptism :

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Communion at Home :

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Tues - Friday
9:00-12:00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 24, 2019

1:00 PM

Italian Prayer Group.

Friday, June 28, 2019

NO MASS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 29, 2019

4:00 PM MASS

Giuseppina Zinga - Anniversary Mass by mother Mafalda Zinga.

Teresa Mary Lavergne McAuley by Frank McAuley.

For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

Sunday, June 30, 2019

11:00 AM MASS

For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.



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First Reconciliation and First Communion
will begin in the Fall. For more information
and to register, please go to our website:
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Canadian parish coach says stop catechizing, start evangelizing at Proclaim

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By Emilie Ng

Evangelization expert: Ron Huntley

CONVINCING an atheist or lapsed Catholic to fall in love with Jesus Christ begins with recognising that “people don’t care” about catechesis, Canadian parish coach Ron Huntley said.

Speaking at the 2018 Proclaim Conference in Brisbane, Mr Huntley said the reason why the Church was not growing boiled down to a fundamental truth, that people don’t care about being taught more information on the Church.

“We’re teaching people things as if they don’t have enough information but really they don’t care,” Mr Huntley said in his keynote on July 13.

“People actually don’t care but we think they need more information so we catechise them.” Drawing on his own experience as a coach for parishes around the world, the Canadian lay leader at St Benedict’s Parish, Halifax, said changing the culture of apathy or indifference to the Catholic Church meant leaning into evangelisation and leadership.

Mr Huntley encouraged parish and ministry leaders to talk with their team about the difference between a toxic and a healthy group.

“Who wants to belong to a toxic team?” Mr Huntley asked delegates at Proclaim Conference. “Everybody wants to belong to a healthy team.” Bringing more people into the healthy team is evangelisation, Mr Huntley said.

However, many parishes and ministries defined evangelisation by any task facilitated by the Church, whether it’s Catholic education, hospitality, or even planning a funeral. “Here’s the definition from the disciples – the disciples become a disciple when they have a transformation and encounter with Jesus Christ,” Mr Huntley said. “That’s when you go from not being a disciple to being a disciple.”

Despite the richness of the sacraments that the Church offers, especially the Eucharist, Mr Huntley said the Mass was “not a great place to interface” with people who were sceptical of the Church. “Church doesn’t make sense until we fall in love with Jesus Christ,” Mr Huntley said. “I believe a person requires three conversions – a conversion to Jesus, a conversion to the Church and a conversion to its mission.”

Bringing a person to Christ is what God expects from the Church and the only way to be fruitful. This, Mr Huntley said, was the mission of a Church struggling to retain its numbers.

“Ninety per cent of self-proclaimed Catholics don’t go to church,” Mr Huntley said. “If you were in sales business and you worked for me, and you’ve lost 90 per cent of your business, we’re going to have a talk.”