

**Monsignor Turro Homily
September 16, 2018**

My dear friends, the role of the priest in your life, when you think of it, is huge. His role is to bring you to Christ and at other times to bring Christ to you. He brings Christ to you very literally at Mass – at Communion time. Also in his homily the priest brings something of Christ to you – his teaching. There can be no more exalted work than that of the priest – bringing Christ into the everyday life of people. Very sadly these days we must read of the gross failure of certain priests who have taken advantage of the people they were sent to serve. The shame I feel for them is bottomless. For their sins, I profoundly beg your pardon and ask your prayers that the priesthood may once again serve its intended purpose which is to bring Christ into your lives through their homilies and their celebration of Mass and also by the example of the lives they lead.

I can offer no defense whatever for the shameless behavior of some fellow priests and bishops as reported in the press. I can only humbly beg your pardon. You deserve to be better served than we have managed to do.