

Deacon's Beacons

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It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud. Proverbs 16:19

I do not use Proverbs very often here. But this one carries a particularly important message. In our Catholic tradition, there is what is called a “preferential option for the poor.” What that means is that everything we do should consider the effect it will have on the least of God’s people. Just because they are least in material things does not mean they are least in God’s eyes. These are the ones presented to us as opportunities to see and be the face of Jesus in this world. For even the best of people, material things and the comforts they bring can become a wedge between them and God. Wealth is not intrinsically evil but it can lead to isolation and indifference. Therein lies the greater sin.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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