

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

The readings and gospel call us to reflect on, how well do we work on being able, to understand and follow the Trinity's will and truth in our lives. We are asked to examine our lives to see how well do we nurture our consciences, so that our conscience can properly guide us, to more faithfully and fully follow the Trinity's will and truth, as expressed by the 10 Commandments and the Church's teachings.

Do we nurture our heart and mind with the Trinity's truths, as expressed by the 10 Commandments and the Church's teachings, so that we grow in our ability to follow Christ in our lives? Or do we nurture our heart and mind, with secular culture's biased, slanted information, so that we more easily and readily, follow secular society's false values? An example, of media bias and manipulation of information, is Argentina passed a law allowing for abortion on December 30th. In the run up to the vote, BBC News presented pro-choice speakers; but, no pro-life speakers, in its coverage of this event. The same was true, of its earlier coverage, of the controversial legal decision in Poland, which struck down a law which allowed abortions. If one forms one's conscience with the Culture of Death's information, rather, than the Trinity's Culture of Life truths, how can one say, they have properly formed their conscience? How can one say they have properly formed their conscience if they rely on secular media's brief, biased summary of church documents and teachings; rather, than prayerfully and carefully reading the documents themselves, and by prayerfully studying the Church's teachings? How can one say they are faithfully following Christ in their lives?

We need to take, or make, the time to pray for the graces we need, so as to reject secular culture's approach to decision making, in order to be able to properly form our consciences, with the Trinity's truths, as expressed by the 10 Commandments and the Church's teachings, in order to become more faithful followers of Christ; to become more docile, obedient, and intimate adopted sons and daughters of the Father. We need to ask the Trinity, for the graces to strengthen the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, so as to grow in our ability to properly form our consciences, with the Trinity's truths, as expressed by the 10 Commandments and the Church's teachings.

During the short meditation time after this homily, will we ask the Trinity for the graces we need, so as to strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, in order to begin to weed out those secular, cultural values and influences, which prevent us from growing in our ability, to properly form our consciences, in accordance with the Trinity's truths.

While we are waiting to receive our Lord & Savior at communion, will we spend a moment or two, asking the Trinity for the graces we need, so as to strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, in order to weed out those secular, cultural values and influences, which prevent us from growing in our ability, to properly form our consciences, with the Trinity's truths.

During the quiet meditation time given us right after communion, will we spend that time praising the Trinity, and, also asking the Trinity for the graces we need, so as to strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, in order to weed out those secular, cultural values and influences, which prevent us from growing in our ability, to properly form our consciences in accordance with the Trinity's truths

After the Mass, and during the week, will we try to find some time to ask the Trinity for the graces we need, so as to strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, in order to weed out those secular, cultural values and influences, which prevent us from growing in our ability,

to properly form our consciences with the Trinity's truths, as expressed by the 10 Commandments and the Church's teachings.

Will we also make use of the sacrament of Confession, so as to receive the graces we need, to further strengthen the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Theological and Cardinal virtues, in order to grow in our ability, to weed out those secular, cultural values and influences, which prevent us from growing in our ability, to properly form our consciences in accordance with the Trinity's truths.

Before we continue on with the Mass, let us ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit now, and especially when we consume our Lord in the Eucharist; so we can be open to the Trinity's graces; in order to reject secular culture's values, ideas, and approach to life; so as to properly form our consciences in accordance with the Trinity's truths in order to become more intimate, loving, adopted family members, of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.