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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Entrance is located at the North end of the Rectory

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: (707) 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: (707) 710-5094

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary takes place Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed every Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30 am-4:30pm & Sun 8:30am-1:30pm, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: (707)542-0250

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTMEBER 10

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Chicken Barbecue – PLC – 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
RCIA – PLC Hope Rm. – 10:30 am

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
Parish School of Religion – 3:45 pm – Becker Ctr.
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Golden Opportunities Luncheon – PLC – 11:30 am

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – Parish Life Center (Hope Rm) - 9:00 am
Collectible Sale – Becker Ctr. – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Collectible Sale – Becker Ctr. – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm SP

2nd COLLECTION INFORMATION

~ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP~

This weekend, September 9 & 10, our Second Collection will be for the Annual Mission Co-Op. Fr. Taiye Obada will speak about the need of the people in the Ilorin diocese in Northern Nigeria at all Masses that weekend. Please see the information below for more info. Next weekend, September 16 & 17, our Second Collection will be for our school's Tuition Assistance Program.

~INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSION CO-OP~

Fr. Taiye Obada was ordained as a priest in the Ilorin diocese, which is a small diocese in the North central part of Nigeria with only 27 parishes and multiple outstations (mission Churches) that are mostly located in the rural areas. Fr. Taiye will speak at all Masses about the needs of this diocese.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 8/27/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,272.
Second Collection: Tuition Assistance Program	\$2,980.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

The month of September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. In honor of Mary's sorrow over her Son's suffering and death, our Special of the Month is 25% off all wall and standing crucifixes. All Catholic homes should have at least one crucifix hanging on the wall! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at: 707-542-0250.

~NEW TO THE PARISH?~

If you are new to St. Eugene's, *Welcome!* We hope you find a spiritual home here. Please formally register in the parish and be a part of our family by coming to the parish office Mon-Fri, 9-4 to register. *Registration cards are also available in the front and east church vestibules.*

~NOTICE OF DEADLINE~

Deadline for filing abuse or other claims against the Diocese of Santa Rosa in regard to: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa, Case No. 23-10113. On March 13, 2023, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa aka Diocese of Santa Rosa ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. **If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 20, 2023, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.** Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before March 13, 2023, **must be filed on or before October 20, 2023**, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before March 13, 2023. For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr, or contact Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via e-mail at rbsantarosainfo@drc.equiniti.com or toll free at 1-800-236-1551, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday. **If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, please also visit the website at <https://srdiocese.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Reorganization.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 9
8:00 am	William & Jeannie McCormick, deceased
4:30 pm	Shirley Myers, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Sandra Vasquez, living
Sunday	September 10
7:30 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
9:00 am	ICF Members, living & deceased
10:30 am	Fred Nelson, living
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm (EF)	Stanley Wynn Hayes, deceased
5:30 pm	Esther Royston, living
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Pete & Shad Skikos, living
Monday	September 11
6:45 am	Wilfredo Barrozo, deceased
8:00 am	Claudia Gomez, living
Tuesday	September 12
6:45 am	Isabelita Barrozo, deceased
8:00 am	Virginia Welchon, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Gustavo Sanchez, living
Wednesday	September 13
6:45 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	A. Magdalena Ordonez, living
Thursday	September 14
6:45 am	Pablo de Jesus Monterroso, deceased
8:00 am	Perena Pisenti, living
Friday	September 15
6:45 am	Christina & Claudio Fable, deceased
8:00 am	Magda Skikos, living
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Michael Tran, living
Saturday	September 16
8:00 am	Mike Pendergast, deceased
4:30 pm	George & Chris Schirle, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Perla Mendez, living

~ST. VINCENT DE PAUL~

We wish to thank all of our fellow parishioners for your generosity in the recent 5th Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. We are grateful and will use the funds to serve our neighbors in need. Also, we need volunteers to help with shopping and stocking shelves. Call Karalee at 707 758 5735 if you have any questions

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS~

On Saturday, **September 23rd**, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese at **Cardinal Newman High School**. This year's theme, "**Liturgy, Devotion and the Most Holy Eucharist**" Speakers will include Mark Brumley, Deacon Dance Farrell and Ruben Quezada. Early registration, by Sept. 14th, is recommended. To do this, please go to: www.srdiocese.org. Registrations received after Sept. 14th will not be processed. You **must register after this date at the event**. Tickets will be mailed until Sept. 14th. You must present a printed ticket to event. Photographed tickets or photocopies are not acceptable. Registration is available on-site at 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM. The day begins with Holy Mass at 9:00 AM in the Student Life Center. Please join us!

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ~

Our Knights of Columbus are having their annual Chicken BBQ this Sunday, September 10th, from 10:00 am—1:30 pm. The menu will include 1/2 a chicken, corn on the cob and potato salad. The cost is \$25 with tickets on sale at the Parish Office, Bookstore and on Sundays at the morning coffee socials. We will be serving in the PLC from 10:00 am-1:30pm. You can 'eat-in' or 'take out'!

THRIFT SHOP

~COLLECTIBLE SALE~

The St. Eugene's Thrift Shop will be having their annual Collectible Sale on **September 15 & 16** in the Msgr. Becker Center. The sale will run from 9:00 am—3:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am—2:00 pm on Saturday. All proceeds go to help with the support of our Parish. If you have items to donate, please wait until the week of the sale and deliver them to the Becker Center (Mon -Thurs, 9 -2:00 pm.) Please, no books or clothing! Call Sue Davis for donation information at : 707-484-3126. **The Thrift Shop will be closed the week of the sale and the following week, too!**

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Joan Cosgrove, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia, Art Haake and Rosalie Elliott.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

FRATERNAL CORRECTION & JUDGING

~FROM THE PASTOR~

Our first reading today from Ezekiel and our Gospel reading from St. Mathew are two of the hardest readings to preach about and to live by. What makes them so difficult is that we are admonished to correct sinful behavior when we see it. Not only is this hard in terms of family and friends, but we have all heard the mantra, "Judge ye not ..." ad nauseum and thus, we are fearful of appearing judgmental if we correct our loved one or friend. What a conundrum! Do we risk insulting and alienating family members and friends by gently pointing out sinful behavior or do we take God at His word and engage in a bit of "fraternal correction"? I mean, this quote is very sobering: "If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, "and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, **but I will hold you responsible for his death.** " God tells me that I will be accountable for not correcting one whom I see in sin. Let us take a look at some articles that deal with this topic and see if they can give us some direction.

CORRECTING A FRIEND

~ADMONISH THE SINNER~

"To admonish the sinner begins by admonishing one's self. After all, we are all sinners. Humility is the virtue by which we recognize our sinfulness and our weakness, thus realizing that we ourselves depend upon God's mercy to forgive us our sins and upon His grace to strengthen us to resist sin in the future. Without humility, we will not admit our sins honestly to ourselves and, when needed, to others also. Since human weakness is always present due to Original Sin and our own past personal sins, we know that we must struggle each day to resist evil and do good. The Bible says that even the just person falls seven times a day. (cf. Prov. 24:16) In biblical terms a "just person" meant a holy person. So even the saints had their sins and needed to remind themselves constantly of the danger of sinning. They needed always to beware of falling again. Jesus Himself told the apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into the test."

test." (Mt. 26:41) When we "pray," we strengthen ourselves to resist sin by asking God for the grace to carry out His Will every day. When we "watch," we are vigilant to avoid the occasions of sin, namely, any person, place, or thing that would lead us to offend God."

~HOW CAN I DO THIS?~

"To admonish others effectively, there are two other points we must keep in mind. First, we must practice what we preach. In other words, we have to be working at striving for holiness and avoiding sin in our own lives if we expect others to do the same. It has been said, "I can't hear what you are saying because of what you are doing!" The approach, "Do what I say and not what I do," will never work. The second point is to avoid the terrible attitude of self righteousness with its judgmental view of others. Self-righteousness puts a person into the mindset of the Pharisees who were quick to condemn sin in others but overlooked it in themselves. This was the point of Jesus' challenge to them in the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery. (cf. Jn 8:1 ff) They were quite ready to condemn this woman for her sin. In fact, they challenged Jesus on whether she should be stoned or not, according to the law of Moses. Jesus did not say "yes," nor did He say "no." He simply challenged them in return: "Let the one among you who has no sin cast the first stone." Then the Gospel tells us He began to write on the ground. Whatever He wrote apparently referred to each individual's sins because as each one saw what Our Blessed Lord wrote, they dropped their stones and walked away. To carry out this work of admonishing the sinner, a person must have a sense of compassion for human weakness, and we can only learn that by recognizing our own weaknesses. If we fail to do so, we will be throwing a lot of stones at other people, and this would not be the Gospel attitude."

~SALVATION IN JEOPARDY~

"The basic reason that we admonish sinners is because their salvation may well be in jeopardy. As mentioned already, their salvation is the greatest good and need in their lives. If a person were drowning, and we were standing near a life preserver, and we did nothing to throw that life preserver out to that person so that person could be →

saved, this would be a terrible act of lack of love. It is even worse if souls are in jeopardy of their eternal loss from God, and we say nothing to make them realize the moral danger they are in. So even greater than all our bodily needs is the spiritual need to be set free from sin and receive the life of God. This is why admonishing the sinner is so important. "

~A DELICATE MATTER~

"To admonish people about their sins certainly is a very delicate matter. Because of the possibility of great anger and resentment, one must always approach with care and sensitivity. There are things we can say to a certain degree, but there are other things that perhaps are not ready to be said yet. Dorothy Day used to say that Jesus came for two reasons: "He came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." If you admonish certain sinners, you will afflict them. If you admonish others, you will comfort them or at least lead them to comfort. Remember, we have already stressed that we must always proceed with compassion and a sense of humility, and never try to confront people with their sins with an attitude of, "I am better than you are," or "I'm here to correct you."

~A DIFFICULT MATTER~

"The difficulty, as we have seen, lies in the fact that no one likes to be reminded of their sins. Jesus says in the Gospel of St. John that those whose evil deeds are done in darkness, so as not to have them known, will resent the light when someone points them out. It stings their consciences, or at least hurts their pride and vanity. This situation is further complicated today by a general attitude that we should never "judge anyone." However, we must make an important distinction when it comes to judging the morality of people's actions. If an action is wrong, that is, if it is a sin, we must condemn it. On the other hand, we do not condemn the sinner but try to encourage that person to repentance and conversion of his or her life." For complete article go to, www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=8158 "Admonish the Sinner": The third spiritual work of mercy" By Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.



JUDGE YE NOT

~WHAT DOES IT MEAN?~

"Judge not, lest you be judged" (Matthew 7:1). How many people today take that one verse from the Bible and apply it wrongly? They will tell others that no one can tell them that what they are doing is wrong, because that would be judging them. Then they throw out the verse where Jesus said "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone". And since we are all sinners, then that means that no one can tell anyone that what they are doing is sinful. Let's take a look at this strange philosophy and dissect it. First off, "to judge", as it is used in "Judge not, lest you be judged", means to condemn someone on moral grounds, and then to pass judgment. Only God can condemn and pass judgment. "To judge" as it is used here does not mean that people cannot discern that an act is sinful, nor does it mean we can't tell the sinner that he or she is sinning. Judging the actions of a person as being sinful is NOT condemning a person and passing judgment. It would be wrong to say to a person, "You are an adulterer, and you are going to hell". It would not be wrong to tell a person "You are committing adultery, and that is sinful. You need to repent of it, go to confession, and never do it again, because it breaks one of the Ten Commandments". The former is passing judgment; the latter admonishes the sinner. Big difference ." www.catholicbible101.com

~ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA~

"A friend of yours, loyally and charitably, points out to you, certain things which tend to mar your behavior. You are convinced that he is mistaken: he does not understand you. If that false conviction, born of your pride, remains, you will never change. I pity you: you lack the decision to seek holiness."

"To practice fraternal correction - which is so deeply rooted in the Gospel - is a proof of supernatural trust and affection. Be thankful for it when you receive it, and don't neglect to practice it with those you live with."

"When you correct someone - because it has to be done and you want to do your duty - you must expect to hurt others and to get hurt yourself. But you should never let this fact be an excuse for holding back."

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 10 de Septiembre del 2023
23° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

CORRECCIÓN FRATERNAL Y JUICIO

~DEL PASTOR~

Nuestra primera lectura de hoy de Ezequiel y nuestra lectura del Evangelio de San Mateo son dos de las lecturas más difíciles de predicar y de vivir. Lo que los hace tan difíciles es que se nos advierte que corriamos el comportamiento pecaminoso cuando lo vemos. Esto no solo es difícil en términos de familiares y amigos, sino que todos hemos escuchado el mantra: "No juzguéis..." hasta la saciedad y, por lo tanto, tenemos miedo de parecer críticos si corregimos a nuestro ser querido o amigo. ¡Qué enigma! ¿Nos arriesgamos a insultar y alienar a familiares y amigos al señalar amablemente un comportamiento pecaminoso o tomamos la palabra de Dios y nos involucramos en un poco de "corrección fraternal"? Quiero decir, esta cita es muy aleccionadora: "Si digo al impío: "Oh impío, ciertamente morirás", y no hablas para disuadir al impío de su camino, el impío morirá por su culpa, **pero Te haré responsable de su muerte.** "Dios me dice que seré responsable de no corregir a quien veo en pecado. Echemos un vistazo a algunos artículos que tratan sobre este tema y veamos si pueden darnos alguna dirección.

CORREGIR A UN AMIGO

~AMONESTA AL PECADOR~

"Para amonestar al pecador se comienza amonestándose a uno mismo. Después de todo, todos somos pecadores. La humildad es la virtud por la cual reconocemos nuestra pecaminosidad y nuestra debilidad, dándonos cuenta así de que nosotros mismos dependemos de la misericordia de Dios para perdonarnos nuestros pecados y de su gracia para fortalecernos y resistir el pecado en el futuro. Sin humildad, no admitiremos nuestros pecados honestamente ante nosotros mismos y, cuando sea necesario, también ante los demás. Dado que la debilidad humana siempre está presente debido al Pecado Original y a nuestros propios pecados personales pasados, sabemos que debemos luchar cada día para resistir el mal y hacer el bien. La Biblia dice que hasta el justo cae siete veces al día. (cf. Prov. 24:16) En términos bíblicos una "persona justa" significaba una persona santa. De modo que incluso los santos tenían sus pecados y necesitaban recordarse constantemente el peligro de pecar. Siempre debían tener cuidado de no volver a caer. Jesús mismo dijo a los apóstoles en el huerto de Getsemaní: "Velad y orad para que no entréis en la prueba." (Mt. 26:41) Cuando "oramos", nos fortalecemos para resistir el pecado pidiéndole a Dios

la gracia de realizar Su Voluntad cada día. Cuando "velamos", estamos vigilantes para evitar las ocasiones de pecado, es decir, cualquier persona, lugar o cosa que nos lleve a ofender a Dios".

~¿CÓMO PUEDO HACER ESTO?~

"Para amonestar a los demás de forma eficaz, hay otros dos puntos que debemos tener en cuenta. Primero, debemos practicar lo que predicamos. En otras palabras, tenemos que trabajar por esforzarnos por la santidad y evitar el pecado en nuestras propias vidas si esperamos que otros hagan lo mismo. Se ha dicho: "¡No puedo oír lo que dices debido a lo que estás haciendo!". El enfoque "Haz lo que digo y no lo que hago" nunca funcionará. El segundo punto es evitar la terrible actitud de superioridad moral con su visión crítica de los demás. La justicia propia pone a la persona en la mentalidad de los fariseos que rápidamente condenaban el pecado en los demás pero lo pasaban por alto en sí mismos. Este fue el punto del desafío que Jesús les hizo en la historia del Evangelio de la mujer sorprendida en adulterio. (cf. Jn 8,1 ss) Estaban muy dispuestos a condenar a esta mujer por su pecado. De hecho, cuestionaron a Jesús sobre si debía ser apedreada o no, según la ley de Moisés. Jesús no dijo "sí" ni dijo "no". Él simplemente los desafió a cambio: "Aquel de ustedes que no tenga pecado, que tire la primera piedra". Luego nos dice el Evangelio que comenzó a escribir en el suelo. Todo lo que Él escribió aparentemente se refería a los pecados de cada individuo porque cuando cada uno vio lo que Nuestro Bendito Señor escribió, dejaron caer sus piedras y se alejaron. Para llevar a cabo esta obra de amonestar al pecador, una persona debe tener un sentido de compasión por la debilidad humana, y eso sólo podemos aprender reconociendo nuestras propias debilidades. Si no lo hacemos, estaremos tirando muchas piedras a otras personas, y ésta no sería la actitud del Evangelio".

~SALVACIÓN EN PELIGRO~

"La razón básica por la que amonestamos a los pecadores es porque su salvación bien puede estar en peligro. Como ya se mencionó, su salvación es el mayor bien y necesidad en sus vidas. Si una persona se estuviera ahogando y estuviéramos parados cerca de un salvavidas y no hiciéramos nada para tirarle ese salvavidas a esa persona para que pudiera ser salvo, esto sería un terrible acto de desamor. Es aún peor si las almas están en peligro de perderse eternamente frente a Dios, y no decimos nada para hacerles darse cuenta

del peligro moral en el que se encuentran. Así que incluso mayor que todas nuestras necesidades corporales es la necesidad espiritual de ser libres del pecado y recibir la vida de Dios. Por eso es tan importante amonestar al pecador. "

~UN ASUNTO DELICADO~

"Amonestar a la gente acerca de sus pecados ciertamente es un asunto muy delicado. Debido a la posibilidad de una gran ira y resentimiento, uno siempre debe abordarlo con cuidado y sensibilidad. Hay cosas que podemos decir hasta cierto punto, pero hay otras cosas que quizás aún no estén listas para decirse. Dorothy Day solía decir que Jesús vino por dos razones: "Vino a consolar a los afligidos y a afligir a los cómodos". Si amonestas a ciertos pecadores, los afligirás. Si amonestas a los demás, los consolarás o al menos los guiarás hacia el consuelo. Recuerde, ya hemos enfatizado que siempre debemos proceder con compasión y sentido de humildad, y nunca tratar de confrontar a las personas con sus pecados con una actitud de "Soy mejor que tú" o "Estoy aquí para corregirte".

~UN ASUNTO DIFÍCIL~

"La dificultad, como hemos visto, radica en el hecho de que a nadie le gusta que le recuerden sus pecados. Jesús dice en el Evangelio de San Juan que aquellos cuyas malas acciones se cometen en la oscuridad, para que no se conozcan, resentirán la luz cuando alguien se las señale. Les duele la conciencia, o al menos hiere su orgullo y su vanidad. Esta situación se complica aún más hoy por la actitud general de que nunca debemos "juzgar a nadie". Sin embargo, debemos hacer una distinción importante cuando se trata de juzgar la moralidad de las acciones de las personas. Si una acción es mala, es decir, si es pecado, debemos condenarla. Por otro lado, no condenamos al pecador sino que tratamos de animarlo al arrepentimiento y a la conversión de su vida".

~SAN JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA~

"Un amigo tuyo, leal y caritativamente, te señala ciertas cosas que tienden a estropear tu conducta. Estás convencido de que se equivoca: no te comprende. Si esa falsa convicción, nacida de tu orgullo, permanece, nunca cambiarás. Te compadezco: te falta la decisión de buscar la santidad".

"Practicar la corrección fraterna -tan profundamente arraigada en el Evangelio- es prueba de confianza y de afecto sobrenatural. Agradece esto cuando lo recibas y no dejes de practicarlo con aquellos con quienes vives".

"Cuando corriges a alguien -porque hay que hacerlo y quieres cumplir con tu deber- debes esperar herir a otros y que te lastimen a ti mismo. Pero nunca debes permitir que este hecho sea una excusa para reprimirte".

NO JUZGUES

~¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA?~

"No juzguéis, para que no seáis juzgados" (Mateo 7:1). ¿Cuántas personas hoy toman ese versículo de la Biblia y lo aplican incorrectamente? Dirán a los demás que nadie puede decirles que lo que están haciendo está mal, porque eso sería juzgarlos. Luego tiran el versículo donde Jesús dijo "El que esté limpio de pecado, que tire la primera piedra". Y como todos somos pecadores, eso significa que nadie puede decirle a nadie que lo que está haciendo es pecaminoso. Echemos un vistazo a esta extraña filosofía y analicémosla. En primer lugar, "juzgar", como se usa en "No juzguéis, para que no seáis juzgados", significa condenar a alguien por motivos morales y luego emitir un juicio. Sólo Dios puede condenar y juzgar. "Juzgar" como se usa aquí no significa que las personas no puedan discernir que un acto es pecaminoso, ni significa que no podamos decirle al pecador que está pecando. Juzgar las acciones de una persona como pecaminosas NO es condenarla ni juzgarla. Sería un error decirle a una persona: "Eres un adúltero y irás al infierno". No estaría mal decirle a una persona: "Estás cometiendo adulterio y eso es pecado. Tienes que arrepentirte, confesarte y no volver a hacerlo nunca más, porque viola uno de los Diez Mandamientos". El primero juzga; este último amonesta al pecador. Gran diferencia. "

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El 13 de marzo de 2023, el Obispo Católico de Santa Rosa, también conocido como Diócesis de Santa Rosa, ("Deudor") solicitó protección bajo el Capítulo 11 del Código de Bancarrota.

Si usted fue víctima de abuso sexual por parte de cualquier persona relacionada con el Deudor, debe presentar su reclamo para que se reciba antes del 20 de octubre de 2023, o de lo contrario el derecho de reclamo contra el Deudor se bloqueará, prohibirá, e impedirá para siempre.

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