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dear Padre

July 28, 2013

Would we be better off with fewer Catholics?

Many people consider themselves Catholic even though they miss Mass regularly and practice artificial birth control. Shouldn't those people be told to leave the Church? Wouldn't we be better off if there were fewer but better Catholics?

You're asking a very good question: What does it mean to call yourself Roman Catholic? The word catholic (lowercase c) means "universal," which in turn means the Catholic Church is inclusive.

But we do have limits. Certain things define us as Roman Catholic, like our belief in the sacraments and the Trinity. We need those to call ourselves Roman Catholic.

But before we start excluding people for other reasons, we need to look at Scripture. John 4:7-42 tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Matthew 9:10 tells us, "While [Jesus] was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples." In Matthew 21:31, Jesus says,

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

As I reread these passages, I thought, Jesus wanted to include too many people in the kingdom of God. That's probably what got him in trouble with the authorities.

We must be very careful when we start drawing up lists of who shouldn't be part of the Catholic Church. Someone might think you need to be left out too.

> Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH

THIS WEEK 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27 – 28, 2013 **USHERS GROUP III**

SATURDAY, JULY 27 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Charles & +Mary Varrick

request of the Family

SUNDAY, JULY 28 -

Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis 7:30 A.M.

request of his Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

Mass offered for +Kazimiera & +Walter 10:00 A.M. –

Demusz request of Wes and Roma Demusz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 29 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Giusettina & +Giovanni

Ouagliano request of Josephine Maratta

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M.

GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. – Progressive Jackpot \$750 – This must be paid out this night – Someone WILL BE A

WINNER!!

TUESDAY, JULY 30 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Carol

Zabielski request of Mary Mumford

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. - FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 1 - No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 2 - No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG.3 –

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – July 21 – \$2,201 Last year's Offertory - July 22 - \$2,415

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock

and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with

what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good

steward only asks God for what he needs.

NEXT WEEK 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **AUGUST 3 – 4, 2013**

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, AUG. 3 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Genevieve Malec request

of the O'Brien Family

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers Lector: Georgette Pelletier Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, AUG. 4 –

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard 7:30 A.M.

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. -Mass offered for All Parishioners of St.

Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 5 -

Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis 9:00 A.M.

request of his Family

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M.

GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M. -

TUESDAY, AUIG. 6-

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Adam Mancino request of

Lvnn Mancino

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Clayton Skaggs request

of Helena Skaggs

9:00 A.M. - FAIR WORKSHOP

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUG. 8 - No Mass

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, AUG. 9 - No Mass

SATURDAY, AUG. 10 -

4:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk

10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk

12:13-21

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Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: For help with purchasing a home, fallen behind on mortgage payments or help with budgeting or filling out applications for EMAP. All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8 hour Home Buyers Education Classes are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. For information: 860-889-8346 ext.271.

Discover Natural Family Planning! NFP Awareness

NFP is pro-woman, pro-man, pro-child. The modern, scientific methods of NFP are based on an awareness of a woman's fertility, easily learned and 99% effective. Together, a couple uses this knowledge to either achieve or postpone a pregnancy after prayerful discernment of their family situation. Talk to a couple using NFP, it is obvious to see the beauty and awesome Truth of NFP and why there is a <2% divorce rate compared to 50% of non-NFP couples. NFP respects the love and life giving natures of marriage. Read more on NFP at www.foryourmarriage.org or ccli.org. Don't know a couple using NFP? Call the Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext. 283 and one of our instructor couples will be very happy to talk to you.

<u>Norwich on Saturday, August 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m.</u> Please join us and our Celebrant, Msgr. Robert Brown, at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the **Cathedral** and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 ~~ 6:00p.m. Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

A Mass in memory of children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, for children who have died recently or years ago. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family to recognize the gift of life and the loss of the life of their children. Following the Mass refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Family Life and Pro-Life Offices. For information call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass Sunday, September 29, 2013 -- 2:00p.m.

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years and any significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Refreshments follow the mass. Register in August through your parish. For information call: 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Diocese of Norwich

<u>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc., Positions</u> <u>Available:</u>

<u>Supervisor of Middletown Office:</u> Seeking licensed mental health professional to manage, develop and grow Middletown Outpatient Behavioral Health and Social Service Office. Knowledgeable of State and private funding resources. Experience working with DCF, DPH and other state licensing bodies. Experience providing clinical supervision to a variety of mental health disciplines- LMFT, LPC, LCSW. Provide direct clinical service to individuals, couples and families.

Coordinator of Behavioral Health Services in Norwich Office: Seeking licensed mental health professional to provide direct outpatient clinical services as well as clinical and administrative supervision. Solid understanding of outpatient behavioral health clinic functioning. Experience working with DCF, DPH and other state licensing bodies. Experience providing clinical supervision to a variety of mental health disciplines- LMFT, LPC, LCSW. Provide direct clinical service to individuals, couples and families.

Director of Operations for Catholic Charities: Seeking seasoned licensed mental health executive/manager to oversee daily operations and program functioning of Catholic Charities' four location sites (New London, Middletown, Willimantic and Norwich). The Director of Operations is responsible for planning, organizing, supervising, managing and directing the services and activities of the agency's clinical (BHS), emergency services/case management and immigration program operations. Provide strong leadership and presence with internal and external constituencies and work to insure outcome oriented, client focused and contractually compliant agency services within the context of the agency's mission and values. Solid understanding of private funding sources and licensing body requirements and directs agency wide compliance with all licensure, regulatory, funding and accreditation requirements. Strong, effective grant writing skills. Proven leader and effective manager of program and clinical staff. Solid understanding of current and future trends in social service and behavioral health service delivery. Experience working with DCF, DPH and other state licensing bodies. Working knowledge of laws and regulations. Please send resume to:

Catholic Charities Clinic Search Committee, 331 Main St. Norwich, CT 06360. 860-889-8346 ext. 269. Closing Date: August 12, 2013.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Those who argue that the Catholic Church is against access to fundamental women reproductive services are wrong. The Catholic Church is against obligatory provisions in the mandate that would force us to pay for surgical procedures, contraception and abortion-inducing drugs that go against our religious convictions.

To voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators. Ask them to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.



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