

King's Korner

Church and 'Politics'

Catholics who do not practice the Catholic Faith -- who do not come to Eucharist or discipline themselves in the sacraments -- do not support the Church. Priesthood is not supported, Parish communities are not strengthened, Church teaching on fundamental issues to life and faith are undercut. Time and time again, polls are taken of Catholics on political and social issues that portend to show that Catholics do not support the Church or its Teachings to any greater degree than people who are not Catholic.

As we enter another intense political season, everything will be done to minimize the 'Catholic vote'. Catholic Tradition has a great deal of value to say about Immigration, the sacredness of life in all aspects, the care of the poor and helpless, the sacredness of marriage and family, economic/political injustices The political system has constantly attempted to shut down the influence of the Church. We have historically seen it in dictatorships and other despotic reigns. Amazingly, we are seeing it now in our democratic way. Religious freedoms (basic to the success of our political way of life) are being trampled upon. Independence of church from state is being replaced with the need to meld in with the thinking and practices of general secular society.

The Church -- the Faith -- is the Christian Faith of the centuries. Revelation of God -- Truth -- has been reflected upon by philosophers and theologians. We have clarified often in Doctrine and have thus maintained the integrity of what is believed. Are we to remain silent in the proclamation and application of revealed Truth? -- Sorry -- Not an option!

Father Jim

PEACE & JUSTICE

Remember to pray for peace every day at noon.

So instead of loving what you think is peace, love other [people] and love God above all. And instead of hating the people you think are warmakers, hate the appetites and the disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed -- but hate these things in yourself, not in another.

Thomas Merton, Catholic monk and spiritual writer

Mission Trip to La Puente in Alamosa

Monday-Friday, June 25-29

Posada Homeless Youth Outreach Program

URGENT NEEDS--new and used backpacks, new socks, gloves and hats, chips, granola bars, cookies, water, Capri Suns, juice. Hygiene items--soap, shampoo, lotion, combs, toothbrush, toothpaste, laundry soap. Funds to purchase shower vouchers, laundry and haircut vouchers, bus tokens. Donations can be brought to Posada's front desk (**label Youth Outreach**), 1008 N. Grand, weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or bring items to Parish Office and designate for **Posada**.