

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND WOMAN - THE LOVING PLAN OF GOD FOR HUMANITY



"My brothers and sisters, the gospel shows us two ways of living towards Christ: On the one hand, we find that of little children; Jesus gives them as an example for their way of welcoming the Kingdom of God. This Kingdom is offered to all. To welcome it, we just must let ourselves be loved by God as only little children know how to do. On the other hand, the Gospel shows us those who only seek to trap Jesus. They do not hesitate to use trickery to sink him. These two attitudes, that of the little children and that of the Pharisees, challenge us: how do we welcome the Word of God? With righteousness and generosity? Or with indifference and refusal?

This difference in the reception of the Word of God is illustrated by the Pharisees' question to Jesus: "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" Jesus refers them to the law of Moses, which they know by heart. Jesus answers them that if Moses made this concession, it is because of the hardening of their hearts. In His answer, Jesus takes God's side. He refers to them in the book of Genesis (1st reading): "He made them male and female. Jesus adds: "What God has joined together, let no man separate." This teaching of Christ is very strong and appealing; it defends the dignity of marriage.

The man and woman who marry are called to form a community of life, sharing and love. He wanted their love to be an echo of the one who is in him. The union of man and woman tells us something about the covenant between God and men. By living in love, respect, and fidelity, they bear witness in their own way to a God Who loves, Who forgives and Who gives Himself. It is true that all this is not easy to live. But today, Jesus announces good news to us: what is impossible for men is not impossible for God. God alone can give us a new heart, a new spirit. On this Sunday, we turn together to our God who is the source of all love. The Eucharist is God who gives Himself to make us live His love within our families and our various places of life. God loves us all unconditionally whatever our situation and whatever our wrongs. He comes to seek out where we are to invite us to take another step on the path of life. May this good news nourish our hope and our prayer!

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