



Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



November 10-11, 2018

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

APPROVED MORAL PRINCIPLES

Moving forward in Defending Our Faith, this week we will discuss the approved moral principles of the Church. As you will recall, two weeks ago I put forth the basis of how we evaluate moral acts. Now we will move on to the approved moral principles. The following principles were taken from Beginning Apologetics by Rev. Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham. This series gives a very understandable and approachable explanation of how the Church deals with moral issues that face us every day. Once we understand these principles, we will better understand why our Church stands as it does on these issues. Only then can we discuss the difficult topics of bioethics cases such as abortion, contraception, euthanasia, and others.

The following principles will be broken down into eight (8) categories.

- 1) Do good; avoid evil: this is the basic precept of the natural law and the foundation of all morality.
- 2) We can never do evil to bring about good: In other words, the end never justifies the means.

No matter how great the potential good, we cannot permit to do something evil to attain it. We can't murder a single innocent person even if it would save an entire city.

- 3) We must follow our conscience: According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, conscience is the judgment of our reason about the good or evil of a particular act. We are obligated to follow our conscience, but we must form our conscience according to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Our conscience must never be set in opposition to the moral law or the Magisterium of the Catholic Church (CCC 2039).
- 4) The Principle of the Double Effect: This principle states that an act that is good (or at least not evil), but that has an evil side effect, may be done only under the following conditions:
 - a. The act itself must be good or at least morally neutral.
 - b. The evil effect must not be **directly** willed, but only foreseen and tolerated.
 - c. The good effect must not be the

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

Pope John Paul II



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result of the evil effect (the food is the direct result; the evil is the indirect result).

d. The good desired must equal or outweigh the evil effect. This principle is used to resolve very difficult medical cases. To illustrate this principle, I will use the two examples from *Beginning Apologetics*. A pregnant woman who has uterus cancer must have a hysterectomy in order to save her life. In order to save her life and have this necessary procedure, the result will be the death of the baby. The good in saving the mother's life does not result from the evil effect of the death of the baby, but from the removal of the uterus. The death of the baby is an unwanted side effect in saving the life of the mother. This same procedure would have been needed if the woman was not pregnant and therefore would apply under this principle. Taking another case of a mother having a serious heart attack, her doctor tells her that the stress of her pregnancy will lead to her death and so she decides to have an abortion. In this case the baby's death is intentional. The good in saving the mother's life was the direct result of an evil act of intentionally killing her baby. She has done evil to attain a good. This case does not fall under the double effect principle.

5) Material Cooperation with Evil: This is assisting another's wrongdoing without approving

it. This falls under the principle of the Double Effect and is allowed only under the same four conditions:

- a. Action must be good or neutral in itself;
 - b. One cannot share in the evil intention;
 - c. Action cannot directly cause the evil effect;
 - d. Sufficient reasons must exist to allow the evil effect.
- 6) The Principle of Totality: This applies to the overall health of an individual. We are allowed to remove or modify an organ or body part for the sake of our overall well-being. This would not apply to contraceptive sterilizations to intentionally destroy fertility.
- 7) Choosing the Lesser of Two Evils: When faced with two or more **unavoidable** evils, we must always choose the lesser one.
- 8) Minimizing a Greater Evil: The Gospel of Life gives a good example of this principle: a Catholic politician is permitted to support incremental legislation against abortion if it is not possible to ban it completely. He is not cooperating with an unjust law; rather, he is working to limit the harm caused by an unavoidable evil.

I ask you to think about these principles and to understand them so that once we begin to discuss difficult bioethics cases, we will have the background and Catholic reasoning to the moral dilemmas that face our families and our societies.

WELCOME MSGR. PETER AZAR

We welcome Msgr. Peter who was gracious in covering this Sunday while Fr. Vincent is on vacation. We all appreciate and enjoy your presence and we welcome you to your second home. You and all of the seminarians are in our prayers.

FATHER JOSEPH ABI SAAD ON CALL

I will be away from November 4 to November 13. Fr. Joseph Abi Saad from St. Sharbel, Newtown Square, will be on call for any emergencies or assistance. Should you need assistance outside of office hours please contact Fr. Joseph at 978-457-5589.

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
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WILL RESUME ON
NOVEMBER 19. Thank you.

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive once again. An insert is included with this bulletin with the different items needed this year. I ask you all to bring what is listed on the flyer as these were the items given to us by St. Cyprian. Your kindness and generosity has helped many families in the past and I thank each of you once again in these efforts. Please have all items here **no later than Sunday, November 18**, as this will be the day the MYO deliver the food to the needy. God bless you and God bless St. Maron Parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Due to Fr. David's illness, Bible Study will be postponed until he recovers. Please keep Fr. David in your prayers and may God grant him a speedy recovery.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Thomas Stornant requested by Nan Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, (St. Mennas) liturgy is offered in honor of our Veterans living and deceased requested by Terri Koway. God bless all of the men and women who serve and protect our country.

Monday, November 12, 2018, @ 11:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, @ 11:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Thursday, November 15, 2018, @ 11:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Saturday, November 17, 2018, @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Thomas Stornant requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 @ 11:00 AM, Liturgy is offered for the soul of Michael and Edmond Tayoun requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Novena and Divine Liturgy, December 15-23.**
- **Christmas Parish Party, December 16, 2018, immediately following Divine Liturgy.**

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB OF SAINT MARON

I am thrilled with the response to the Men's and Women's club for Saint Maron Church. Many have asked what these clubs all about are. I would like to have a meeting with both groups together on **Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00 PM**, so that we may discuss how these groups will help and benefit you and the Church. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to attend.

The intention of these clubs is to gather our community in spiritual unity, to gather socially for fun and activities, to work together for the advancement and building of the Church, and to organize charity work for outside the parish. These clubs will act independently of each other and at times gather together for different functions that will be sponsored at the Church. I look forward to this new beginning with each of you.

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PRAYER FOR SOLDIERS

During these difficult times, we remember those family members and friends in faraway places. Let us lift in prayer the many women and men serving overseas in our armed forces. May they know of our respect and gratitude and be kept safe in the Lord's loving hands. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, Lisa and Henry Schaffer, Christina Valotta, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Albert Saleem, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Alexis Carine, Albert Anderson, Sr., Joseph Realdine, Benjamin Uzzo, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Amelia Habib, Suzanne Haney, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Chucky Simon, Mary Fetterman, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al Sawa, Rose De Jesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Eddie Gussin, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and

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Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR
November 3-4, 2018**

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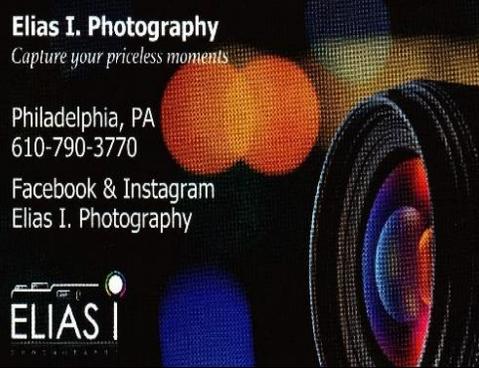


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First Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَحْبَابِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَأَجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ النُّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. فَإِذَا كَانَ رَشُّ دَمِ النُّيُوسِ وَالنَّيِّرَانِ وَرَمَادِ الْعِجْلَةِ عَلَى الْمُنَجِّسِينَ، يُقَدِّسُ أَجْسَادَهُمْ فَيُطَهِّرُهُمْ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قُرْبَانًا لَا عَيْبَ فِيهِ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمِيرَنَا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيْتَةِ، لِنَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ! وَلِذَلِكَ فَهُوَ الْوَسِيطُ لِعَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، وَقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فِدَاءً لِتَعْدِيَاتِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ، حَتَّى يَنَالَ بِهِ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ وَعَدَّ الْمِيرَاثِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 10:22-42

The Apostle Writes:

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

حَانَ عِيدُ التَّجْدِيدِ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ، وَكَانَ فَصْلُ الشِّتَاءِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَتَمَشَّى فِي الْهَيْكَلِ، فِي رَوَاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. فَأَحَاطَ بِهِ الْيَهُودُ وَأَخَذُوا يُقُولُونَ لَهُ: "إِلَى مَتَى تُبْقِي نَفْسَنَا حَايِرَةً؟ إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحَ، فَقُلْ لَنَا صِرَاحَةً." أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "قُلْتُمْ لَكُمْ، لَكِنَّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ. الْأَعْمَالُ الَّتِي أَعْمَلُهَا أَنَا بِاسْمِ أَبِي هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي. لَكِنَّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِنْ خِرَافِي. خِرَافِي تَسْمَعُ صَوْتِي، وَأَنَا أَعْرِفُهَا، وَهِيَ تَتَّبِعُنِي. وَأَنَا أُعْطِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً، فَلَنْ تَهْلِكَ أَبَدًا، وَلَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ يَدِي. أَبِي الَّذِي أُعْطَانِي إِيَّاهَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنَ الْكُلِّ، وَلَا يَغْدُرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا مِنْ يَدِ الْآبِ. أَنَا وَالْآبُ وَاحِدٌ." فَأَخَذَ الْيَهُودُ، مِنْ جَدِيدٍ، حِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوهُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرَيْتُكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ الْآبِ، فَلَا يَ عَمَلٍ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟". أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ: "لَا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُمُكَ، بَلْ لِتَجْدِيدِ. لِأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ، تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا." أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "أَمَا كُتِبَ فِي تَوْرَاتِكُمْ: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّكُمْ آلِهَةٌ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَتْ التَّوْرَةُ تَدْعُو إِلَهَةً أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتْ إِلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ، وَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُنْقِصَ الْكِتَابُ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَّسَهُ الْآبُ وَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ: أَنْتَ تُجَدِّفُ؛ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ: أَنَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ؟ إِنْ كُنْتُ لَا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالَ أَبِي، فَلَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، أَمَا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُهَا، وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، فَصَدِّقُوا هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالَ، لِكَيْ تَعْرِفُوا وَتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ الْآبَ فِيَّ وَأَنِّي فِي الْآبِ." فَحَاوَلُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ أَنْ يَغْبِضُوا عَلَيْهِ، فَأَقْلَّتْ مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. وَعَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى عِبْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، إِلَى حَيْثُ كَانَ يُوحَنَّا يُعَمِّدُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، فَأَقَامَ هُنَاكَ. وَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: "لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَنَّا أَيَّ آيَةٍ، وَلَكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا." فَاثَمَنَ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُونَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.