



CCHD Homily Help

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Talking Points from the Readings & CCHD Connections

First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The 30th anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope, beginning to look into deep space, gives us great pause in hearing that the Creator of this Universe, in excess of two trillion galaxies, cares for each of us as the Good Shephard.

- The lost I will seek out, the scattered I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.
- As a mother and a father care for their child, so our God cares for us, all of us, no exceptions.
- Reminded of how I am cared for by God helps me to continue to do the same for others, particularly in great need, especially now in the midst of COVID-19.

Second Reading - I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

The first fruits of the harvest are dedicated to God as a gesture of gratitude for God's immeasurable blessings to all.

- Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ who has been raised from the dead all will be brought to life.
- Being reminded that God has the "rain and the sun" come to all, we are reminded that we are all children of God, and, as challenging as it can be, we are all brothers and sisters of one another.
- As the author John Shea writes: "When the Spirit is present we override the mental tapes of hesitation to say the words of care and extend the hands of care."

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

How do we worship and serve our Creator? How can we hope to come into the fullness of life, the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world? How are we blessed by the Father?

- When we see the hungry and feed them, the thirsty and give them drink. When we see a stranger and welcome them or see them naked and clothe them. When we see them ill or in prison and visit them.
- "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of these, my brothers or sisters, you did it for me."
- Some say that deep in the core of being for humans is the desire, the drive to help, to care, to reach out. Of the many means available to do so, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is an excellent resource for helping those in need to improve their lives and to contribute to others on their part.



Further points:

Our desire to reach out to others is often supported and witnessed by others.

- A teacher, a coach, an aunt who believed in me and kept encouraging me to stay with it.
- The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helped me get started when there were no other resources.
- How often have we heard something like: “Your father/mother/family member was the most thoughtful, generous person I knew.” Or “I can’t tell you how often your mother was there to help me.”

We know that all belongs to God, and that we are stewards of the blessings and resources we have. May we be good stewards.