

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 16th SUNDAY YEAR A-2023.

LET THEM GROW TOGETHER-GOD OF SECOND CHANCE:

The world,the church and our life's are fields where **weeds and wheat grow together,shoulder to shoulder,side by side!**Constantly there are forces within of **good and evil** trying to out-win each other and we are indeed the battle field.Evil and good people can we detected always in the world we live.The evil should be **rooted out** but we too need to take care of good since they are hand in hand,hence let them grow together.

In our first reading(Wis.12.13,16-19) says God is **merciful, lenient,and just.** He is the only one who has the **knowledge and power to do so.** God power is not directed towards the evil people but shows itself in his **patience,wanting them to repent and allowing them to do so** hence **God of second chance.Dont we all need this second chance as human beings in this challenging world?,** if so are we not supposed also to give other person another chance and have patience with him/her? We must not rush to judgement on others give them a chance.

God will always give us **warning,wake up calls** which are signs of His **grace and love for us.**it would be a time to **rethink, refocus,readjust, Repent and change, what an opportunity and wonderful for all of us!**

Jesus parable last Sunday talked of seeds that fell on different soils,this represents different people in the world and their respond towards the gospel,this Sunday he shifts to **wheat and weeds and their chance to grow together** to be separated at the harvest time this takes us back to **patience and giving time.**This is how the church of Christ is supposed to be,church of human beings with **limitations and short comings,church of human beings not of angels,church on transit here on earth not a triumph church in heaven .Church of mixed grill,mixed bag** with all the contents.

The church restricted to saints might be a **nice one, but this will not be the church of Christ.** It is due to this limitation that he instituted the sacrament of **reconciliation thus giving us time and an opportunity to go back, a second chance.** The wheat and weeds are both **real in us and in the world, they are not a mistake, error or imperfection** *but they* constantly give an opportunity to fight a good fight towards the **great harvest.** We are indeed the field in our **souls and daily activities** hence the struggle still goes on.

The church of Christ is not only a **gallery for displaying saints, it is also a school to transform sinners.** We should know the fact that we are on transit, we have not finished the **race.** We are still **unfinished products hence subject to change.** Our Lord today is giving us an opportunity **let them grow together.** Despite the challenging moments threatening us on daily basis, **goodness is still there under his grace we shall win the race.**

Let us not concentrate so much on weeds and evil thus empowering it that we forget the wheat is there.

A lot of wheat is in us and will be realized at the time of harvest.

The line which separates the good and evil passes not between the states, counties, regions, classes, political affiliations but through **EVERY HUMAN HEART.**

EVIL AND GOOD WILL EVER BE THERE COMPETING TILL THE TIME OF HARVEST hence **LET THEM GROW TOGETHER(Mt.13:24-43).**