

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 23rd SUNDAY YEAR A.2023:

FRATERNAL CORRECTIONS:

The most challenging situations we face as human being is correcting and taking the corrections politely and positively. Correcting each other and moving forward demands a lot of patience and humility.

As human beings we are subject to **react either positively or negatively**, according to the magnitude of the situation.

We live in a world where we like to get into each others face **and one another to court almost** at everything. Courts are jammed with our **anger, real and imaginable outrage at our Neighbour** and our **blood relatives over very minor issues which could be addressed** in a good way and understanding. We want **justice and compensation**. There is a lot of anger, **selfishness and egoism** in our world, mostly facilitated by **crush of population, stress and modern living** thus turning to agitation of our Neighbour. **psychology of compensation and confrontations** is in the air and has entered even in the church.

On the contrary our readings today are warning and advising us that we should be **watchmen of one another in caring way** but not in a confrontation attitude. Ezekiel(33:7-9) says we have **moral duty** to correct, speak the truth about the right and wrong whether to the society of individual. we **must not be silent at all cost when there is attack on innocent life, moral and justice violation** whenever the society is going on the wrong direction or when people are damaging themselves, to say **nothing is morally wrong**. we have a duty to correct one another with **respect**.

St. Paul's letter(Rom:13-8-10) talks of **duty to respect and love one another, do not kill, cheat, commit adultery, steal, or covet another's property rather respect, others life, marriage and integrity**.

The gospel(Mat.18:15-20) goes deeper into our responsibility in dealing with **conflict among the people** and giving **resolutions and proper management** of these conflicts involving participation of **individuals and community**. He is telling us how to handle the conflicts in a humble

manner.He is telling the Christians not to settle their differences in court but among themselves.

-Try to sort out the difference between each other,among both of you,try to keep it among yourselves and sort it amicably,thus avoiding gossip,slander and detractions.

-if this doesn't work and no solution is reached,involve a **third party,mediator who acts as a bridge**

-If this fails then **involve the members of your community(family,friends church leaders)**

If the the individual fails to **listen to all these attempts then you result to prayer** and leave the ***judgment to God for justice,judgement and His Mercy after exhausting all the channels*** towards **resolution and mending the conflicts.**

The call is attempting all the channels to reach reconciliation and healing thus winning you sister or brother back.This is the Christian way of dealing with conflicts

We must not **seek revenge but resolution and mending the conflicts** and this will bring healing in our already suffering world of anger and conflicts thus bring **peace,love,understanding and unity.**we must not stand doing nothing and watch one destroying self or another.Keeping quiet is not a solution rather this will bottle up **pressure and the result will be eruption.***we must take communal responsibility.*

The greatest harm we can do to people when then they face spiritual and social dangers is to DO NOTHING,AND LOOK THE OTHER SIDE.GIVE A SHOULDER AND SAVE THE TROUBLED SOCIETY.