

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 6th SUNDAY EASTER YEAR-C-C 2025.

CRISIS,CONFLICTS AND RESOLUTION:

Crisis and conflicts are very common terms in our present day media.They are in radios,TVs,pulpit and other social media.These shows how wounded the society is and needs healing.

There are so many crisis in our society and world at large,**gas,cost of oil,political,social personal,medical spiritual,food,water, global warming and worst of all identity crisis.**These needs to be addressed properly with sober mind to arrive to a conflict resolution..Most of these crisis facing us are caused by **selfishness to gain benefits at the expense of others.**

Our readings today are dealing with religious crisis in the early church community of believers.(Acts 15:1-2,22-29)talk of **acute cultural crisis** which confronted the disciples with regards to **gentiles converts to Christianity.**what is required of them?should they follow Jewish traditions.How will the disciples-keep the **unity and peace among Jews and the converts.The apostles arranged for memorandum of understanding meeting to resolve these conflicts.**which included Paul and Barnabas,apostles and representatives of gentles to resolve these conflicts.What a good way for us to handle issues facing our parishes,different stations, church leadership beginning from jumuiyas(Small Christian communities).Doctrinal,spiritual,moral, theological,sexual abuse by the clergy and even abuse of the young and children by relatives and parents seems to be on the rise.Where have we gone wrong indeed? How do we as the church handle such issues facing the modern church.

There are fragmentations in the church, we have camps and cliques that separate in doctrinal and ethical lines, for against political camps, principal which are based on selfishness thus causing **anxieties and confusion and tension, in the church leadership and extending to the Christia.** we need a serious dialogue and putting into effect the papers in Vatican for implementation of the outcome of synodical deliberations which must be applied according to feeling of the people based on their cultural **background.**

In the gospel (Jn 14:21-29) Jesus is preparing the apostles yet for another crisis, this time **passion and his return to the father.** This is the farewell address hence **crisis of departure.** He is equipping them with tools of handling this. ***word (anyone who loves me will be true to my word (Jn, 14:23) Holy Spirit (The advocate whom the father will send in my name will instruct you in everything (26)*** He is the radar, campus's of our moral life. The last tool to handle the conflict is **Peace, I give you my peace which the world cannot give (27).** The peace of Christ doesn't mean absence of **crisis and conflicts but means tranquility of order within us.** The peace of the world can be destroyed by **bullet, bomb, terrorist or single act of selfishness but Christ peace is eternal.**

He gives his word for our **mind, his spirit for heart and his peace for soul.** we must participate in **creating, uniting, bridging and bringing peace of Christ to our wounded world.** we are the brokers of **peace and agents of conflicts resolution. (No Jesus, no peace.. ..know Jesus..know peace.**