

**FR.TK. REFLECTION -FEAST OF ST.JOHN LATERAN
BASILICA.**

THE CHURCH THE HOUSE OF PRAYER:

Today we honour the dedication of the basilica of St.John in Rome,we affirm our **Link and connection** with the Holy father since this is the Cathedral church of Archdiocese of Rome.whenever we come near the church,it signifies Christianity whether in early centuries or modern age.The style,the building,the architectural manifestation always signifies and reflect something,some pointing upward towards God,obedience,others showing glory of God in relationship to humanity others focusing on the **community as the body of Christ gathered around the alter.**

The church building on itself is not the **only expression of faith,it shows all that the earth has given and human hands have made to the glory of God.**It is more than the building indeed,it embodies **Gods life giving presence** it is our spiritual home where we get **Streams of flowing graces** as witnessed by prophet Ezekiel(47:1-2,8-9,12) at the temple where water flows symbolizing **new life.**

St.paul in his letter(1cor.3:9c-11,16-17) he calls our **bodies temples of the Holy Spirit** Do you not realise you are temple of God with the spirit of God living in you?if **anyone will destroy that temple of God,God will destroy that person.simple we must take care of that temple our body.**Gods temple is holy and you are that temple. Must honor and respect our bodies as **sacred.**

In the gospel (Jn.2:13-22) Jesus s upset and show his emotions to the merchants who had brought **unjust practices prevailing at**

the temple of selling and lack of respect of the house of God.

obviously this was brought about by the rich ones at the cost of the poor people who basically were coming for worship. Do we actually respect the house of God? Do we go for show to manifest the new fashion. How is our concentration when we go for worship, this shows how much we respect the house of God as a house of prayer.

The bottom line is that we are called to honor the **sacredness of the house of prayer, like life giving flowing water from the temple, and share Gods abundant gift with others especially the less fortunate.** today let's become channels of compassion and justice to all. let's know **every church is a *PLACE where CHRIST IS PRESENT TO MEET AND BE MET HENCE THAT MAKE ALL THE CHURCHES HOLY:***