

MarFR.TK.REFLECTIONS 23rd SUNDAY YEAR A.2026:

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 brotherly 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 or 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 they face spiritual and social dangers is to DO NOTHING,AND LOOK THE OTHER SIDE.GIVE A SHOULDER AND SAVE THE TROUBLED SOCIETY.