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Building Hope Pastoral Development Strategy: Parish Update

Following the parish gathering on Thursday 23 June, we have now made online versions of the Building Hope Pastoral Strategy questionnaire available on the parish website. This, we hope, will be particularly useful for people who were not able to attend or did not get an opportunity to complete the questionnaire at the parish gathering or for people who did not know about the parish gathering and who would like to offer their opinions on developing a pastoral strategy.

Continuing on the theme of "Building Hope" and renewal, this week we are presenting (with permission) content that was recently published (Ref. <https://www.jesuit.ie/news/pope-to-jesuit-editors-reality-is-superior-to-ideas/>) which stated Pope Francis' views on social justice and spiritual renewal in the Church when he met the editors of European Jesuit cultural journals. There is a message for all of us in what he said. The importance of discernment from lived experiences is highlighted as is appreciating the complexity of situations and not being satisfied with simplistic answers.

Pope to Jesuit editors: 'Reality is superior to ideas'

In a recent audience with the editors of European Jesuit cultural journals, Pope Francis emphasised that human reality is much more important than abstract ideas. In relation to the war in Ukraine, as well as to other wars around the world, matters of social justice, spiritual renewal in the Church, and the synodal path, he repeatedly noted the danger of dealing in abstract ideas and neglecting human experience. This notion has laid at the heart of his teaching since the beginning of his pontificate.



Responding to a question about the war in Ukraine, the Pope began by saying that in that conflict

"there are no metaphysical good guys and bad guys, in an abstract sense". He noted the "brutality and ferocity with which this war is being carried out by the troops, generally mercenaries, used by the Russians", but he warned against the danger of not seeing the larger drama unfolding behind the war, one in which the arms trade has a distinct vested interest. "It is very sad," he added, "but at the end of the day that is what is at stake".

He rejected any suggestion that because he was saying the war was not reducible to the good and the bad he must be pro-Putin:

No, I am not. It would be simplistic and wrong to say such a thing. I am simply against reducing complexity to the distinction between good guys and bad guys without reasoning about roots and interests, which are very complex. While we see the ferocity, the cruelty of Russian troops, we must not forget the real problems if we want them to be solved.

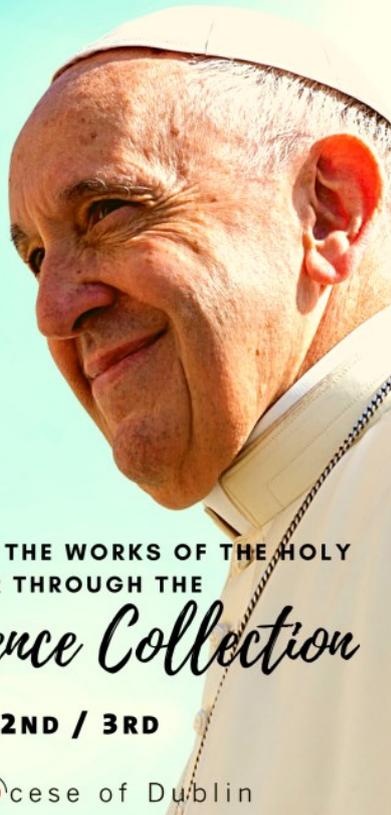
This same principle of paying close attention to the concrete realities behind abstract considerations was of great importance, the Pope believes, for the work on Jesuit cultural journals.

In general, of course, I believe that the mission of a cultural journal is to communicate. I would add, however, to communicate in the most embodied way possible, in a personal way, with the authenticity of a face-to-face engagement. By this I mean that it is not enough to communicate ideas. You have to communicate ideas that come from experience. This for me is very important. Ideas must come from experience.

In particular, the Pope saw this disposition as central to the Jesuit way of proceeding:

The Society of Jesus should not be interested in communicating abstract ideas. It is interested, instead, in communicating human experience through ideas and reasoning, through experience. Ideas are to be discussed. Discussion is a good thing, but for me it is not enough. It is human reality that is to be discerned. Discernment is what really counts. The mission of a Jesuit publication cannot be only to discuss, but it must be above all able to help discernment that leads to action.

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The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace. May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM



Saturday, Vigil 6p.m. John Brendan Harnett, Anniversary.
Sunday: 11a.m. Ray Ward, Anniversary.

Discernment, for Francis, is the key, especially for Jesuit works:

Ideas are discussed, reality is discerned. Discernment is the charism of the Society. In my opinion, it is the first charism of the Society and it is what the Society must continue to focus on, including in its cultural journals. They must be helpful and promote discernment.

This same sense of attending to concrete and lived experience as a way of discerning in all human situations is also of the first importance in regard to the life of the faithful in the Church. Pope Francis was critical of 'restorers' – effectively traditionalists and conservatives who have 'come to gag the [Second Vatican] Council. He insisted that renewal in the Church would come from truly accepting the Council and helping it take root.

It is very difficult to see spiritual renewal using old-fashioned criteria. We need to renew our way of seeing reality, of evaluating it. In the European Church I see more renewal in the spontaneous things that are emerging: movements, groups, new bishops who remember that there is a Council behind them. Because the Council that some pastors remember best is that of Trent. What I'm saying is not nonsense.

The full text of the Pope's [conversation with Jesuit editors is available here](https://www.jesuit.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Pope-Francis-Conversation-with-Jesuit-Editors-19-May.pdf) (https://www.jesuit.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Pope-Francis-Conversation-with-Jesuit-Editors-19-May.pdf)

St. Mary's Parish Events—Summer/ Autumn '22

2-3 July	Special Collection - "Peter's Pence"
12 August 6:30p.m.	Lion's Club: Summer Barbecue
03 September 3:00p.m.	Order of Malta Mass
19 September 5:45p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
5 November 3:00p.m.	Requiem Mass: Order of Malta
6 November 11a.m.	Mass for the Dead of the Parish
14 November 5:45p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting

Mass Times

Sundays:

Vigil, 6p.m. (Saturday), 9.30a.m., 11a.m., 5p.m.
Croatian Community Mass 6.30p.m.
French-speaking community Mass 2nd and 4th
Sundays of the month at 12.30p.m.

Daily Mass: 10a.m. - **Rosary:** daily after 10a.m. Mass

Baptisms

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Request forms available from Parish Office.

Marriages

For the use of St. Mary's Church and Prenuptial enquiries please contact the Parish Office (open Monday — Thursday , 10.30a.m. - 3p.m.).

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