

(Conclusion of Pope Francis Christmas Message to the Roman Curia)

14. The sickness of closed circles: where belonging to a little group becomes more important than that of belonging to the Body and, in some situations, to Christ himself. This sickness also begins always with good intentions but with the passing of time enslaves the members, becoming "a cancer" that threatens the harmony of the Body and causes so much evil – scandals – especially to our littlest brothers. Self-destruction or "friendly fire" of fellow soldiers is the most deceitful danger.[15] It is the evil that strikes from within[16] and, as Christ says: "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste" (Luke 11:17).

15. And the last one: the sickness of worldly profit, of exhibitionism[17]: when the apostle transforms his service into power, and his power into merchandise to obtain worldly profits or more powers. It is the sickness of persons who seek insatiably to multiply powers and for this purpose, they are capable of calumniating, defaming and discrediting others, even in newspapers and magazines. Naturally to exhibit themselves and to show themselves more capable than others. This sickness also does much evil to the body because it leads persons to justify the use of any means so long as they reach their purpose, often in the name of justice and of transparency! And here there comes to mind the memory of a priest who called journalists to tell them (and to invent) private and reserved things about his fellow priests and parishioners. What mattered to him was only to see himself on the front pages, because in this way he felt "powerful and fascinating," causing so much harm to others and to the Church. Poor thing!

Brothers, these sicknesses and these temptations are, naturally, a danger for every Christian and for every Curia, community, Congregation, parish, Ecclesial Movement, etc. and they can strike at the individual as much as at the communal level.

We must clarify that it is only the Holy Spirit – the soul of the Mystical Body of Christ, as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed affirms: "I believe ... in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life" – to heal every infirmity. It is the Holy Spirit who supports every sincere effort of purification and every good will of conversion. He it is who makes us understand that every member participates in the sanctification of the Body and in its weakening. He is the promoter of harmony[18]: "ipse harmonia est," says Saint Basil. Saint Augustine says to us: "While a part adheres to the body, its healing is not despaired of; instead, what was cut off cannot be taken care of or healed." [19]

Healing is also the fruit of the awareness of the sickness and of the personal and communal decision to be cured, enduring the cure patiently and with perseverance.[20]

Therefore, in this Christmas season and for the whole time of our service and our existence, we are called to live "speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and up-builds itself in love" (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Dear brothers!

Once I read that: "priests are like airplanes, they make news only when they fall, but there are so many that are flying. Many criticize and few pray for them." It is a very nice phrase but also very true because it delineates the importance and the delicacy of our priestly service and how much evil one priest who "falls" can do to the whole Body of the Church.

Therefore, in order not to fall in these days in which we prepare for Confession, we ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, to heal the wounds of sin that each one of us bears in his heart and to support the Church and the Curia so that they are healthy and restored; holy and sanctifying, to the glory of her Son and for our salvation and that of the whole world. We ask her to make us love the Church as Christ loved her, her Son and our Lord, and to have the courage to acknowledge that we are sinners and in need of His Mercy and of not being afraid to leave our hands between her maternal hands.

Many good wishes for a Holy Christmas to you all, to your families and to your collaborators and, please, do not forget to pray for me! My heartfelt thanks!

1st Marriage Banns:

Steven Lee Oak and Adria Marie Smith

Daily Mass Schedule January 26-February 1

Mon: 5:30 p.m. No Mass
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. No Mass; Adoration 9:00-6:00
 Wed: 9:00 p.m. No Mass
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. No Mass
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Joyce Drake
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Barb Anderson

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Mass Times
 Monday 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
 Saturday 4:30PM
ADORATION:
 Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

Bishop Michael Hoepfner and the Diocese of Crookston thank you for your generous support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. In 2014 we exceeded the diocesan goal of \$840,000 by \$10,000. Your gifts and your prayers have been received with sincere gratitude and humility. Our ministries cannot thrive without your commitment. Next weekend (January 31-February 1), we will announce the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal for this parish. The goal for 2015 has risen and is \$880,000. The week of February 2, a letter to you from Bishop Hoepfner that includes a great brochure featuring our Seminarians, a prayer request card and DAA gift envelope will arrive in your mailbox. Please take some time to enjoy this publication.

The 2015 DAA begins February 7-8th. If you have participated in the DAA in the past, we truly hope you will consider renewing and increasing your support this year. If you have never before participated in the appeal, please know that your gift of any amount will positively impact the ministries of this diocese, including the Office of Vocations and the education of our six Seminarians.

May God bless each of you as you consider how your gift will make a difference this year! Please pray for the success of the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Collection	Jan 18, 2015	Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget: \$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
		255	
Collection Basket			
Adult	\$ 2,137.00		
Loose	358.00		
Children	6.00		
Total:	\$ 2,501.00		
Other Budgeted Income			
Vigil Lights	\$ 12.49		
Building Fund	125.00		
Steeple Fund	50.00		
Window Fund	60.00		
Funeral	250.00		
Wedding	150.00		
Solemnity of Mary	5.00		
Assumption Church	24.50		
Total	\$ 676.99		
		This week's Total:	
		\$ 2,501.00	
		676.99	
		\$ 3,177.99	

UPCOMING:

Feb 1: RCIA 7:00 pm @ Church
 Feb 2: Christian Mothers meeting: Rosary @ 6:00 pm, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm.
 Feb 10: Finance Council meeting 6:00 pm @ Church
 Feb 10: Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Ministry Schedule for Feb 1, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC— Russ and Mary Ann Karasch		
Ministers	Jeanne Riley	Nancy Christensen
Of Holy	Dale Sattler	Sandy Hofer
Communion	Tammy Sattler	Christine Daggett Karen Nelson Cheryl Stegmaier
Lectors	Russell and Mary Ann Karasch	Kathy Stenger
Ushers	John Mack	Bud Hensel
	Mike Hiemenz	Bruce Hofer
Servers	Abigail Wothe Madison Ketter Isaac Courneya Hayley Courneya	Scott Seim Sarah LaSart Chelsy Hofer

January 2nd Collections: 25th—FACC

Circle 5 is in charge of donuts in January
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Youth

Re January Schedule
 Wednesday January 28
 Regular Classes

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:

- Bonnie Wallace
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Connie Ulschmid
- Ken Jacobson
- Norman Buseth
- MaryAnn Parsons
- Bob Thompson
- Tammy Wothe
- Emily Martin
- Bruce Moe
- Henry Schreiner
- Dave Goebel
- Roger Wolden
- Paula Stegeman
- Lisa Flynn
- Bill Prendergast

St Henry's, Perham:

The Divine Mercy Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, January 25th, starting at 3:00 pm at St. Henry's in Perham. This is a special and prayerful time to spend time with our Lord in this new year.

The dates for Father Ilango's trip to the Holy Land are November 5-14, 2015. Specific details will be available when Father returns from India.

January 25, 2015