

(Part 2 of Pope Francis Christmas Message to the Roman Curia)

It is good to think of the Roman Curia as a small model of the Church, namely, as a "body" that seeks seriously and daily to be more alive, healthier, more harmonious and more united in itself and with Christ.

In reality, the Roman Curia is a complex body, made up of many Dicasteries, Councils, Offices, Tribunals, Commissions and of numerous elements that do not all have the same task, but are coordinated for efficient, edifying, disciplined and exemplary functioning, despite the cultural, linguistic and national differences of its members.[5]

In any case, the Curia being a dynamic body, it cannot live without being nourished and without taking care of itself. In fact, like the Church, the Curia cannot live without having a vital, personal, authentic and strong relation with Christ.[6] A member of the Curia that does not nourish himself daily with that food will become a bureaucrat (a formalist, a functionalist, an employee): a shoot that dries up and little by little dies and is thrown away. Daily prayer, assiduous participation in the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily contact with the Word of God and spirituality translated into lived charity are the vital nourishment for each one of us. May it be clear to us all that without Him we can do nothing (Cf. *John* 15:8).

Consequently, the living relation with God also nourishes and reinforces communion with others, that is, the more we are profoundly joined to God the more we will be united among ourselves because the Spirit of God unites and the spirit of the Evil One divides.

The Curia is called to improve itself, to improve itself always and to grow in communion, holiness and wisdom to realize its mission fully.[7] However, it, like every body, like every human body, is also exposed to sicknesses, to malfunctioning and to infirmity. And here I would like to mention some of these probable illnesses, curial illnesses – they are the more usual illnesses in our life of Curia. They are sicknesses and temptations that weaken our service to the Lord. I think a "catalogue" of illnesses will help us – following the way of the Desert Fathers who made those catalogues of which we speak today. It will help us to prepare ourselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be a good step for us all to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

1. The sickness of feeling oneself "immortal," "immune" or in fact "indispensable," neglecting the necessary and usual controls. A Curia that does not criticize itself, which does not update itself, which does not seek to improve itself is a sick body. An ordinary visit to cemeteries would help us to see the names of so many persons, some of whom thought they were immortal, immune and indispensable! It is the sickness of the foolish rich man of the Gospel who thought he would live eternally (Cf. *Luke* 12:13-21) and also of those who transform themselves into bosses and feel themselves superior to all and not at the service of all. This often stems from the pathology of power, of the "complex of the Elect," of narcissism that looks passionately at its own image and does not see the image of God imprinted on the face of others, especially the weakest and neediest.[8] The antidote to this epidemic is the grace to see ourselves as sinners and to say with all our heart: "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (*Luke* 17:10)

2. There is another: the sickness of "Martha-ism" (which stems from Martha), of excessive busyness: namely of those who immerse themselves in work, neglecting, inevitably, "the better part": to be seated at Jesus' feet (Cf. *Luke* 10:38-42). This is why Jesus called his disciples to "rest a while" (Cf. *Mark* 6:31), because to neglect necessary rest leads to stress and agitation. The time of rest, for one who has carried out his mission, is necessary, right and is lived seriously: in spending some time with relatives and in respecting holidays as moments for spiritual and physical recharging; we must learn what Quoth teaches that "there is a time for everything" (3:1-15).

(Part 3 next week)

2nd Marriage Banns:

Ashley Elizabeth Dretsch and Phillip Ronald Frericks

Daily Mass Schedule January 5-11

Mon: 5:30 p.m. No Mass
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. No Mass; Adoration 9:00-6:00
 Wed: 5:30 p.m. No Mass
 Thurs: 8:30 a.m. No Mass
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. No Mass
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Gordon Sanders
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers

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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

KC Supper will be on January 11, 2015. Social at 5:00 and potluck supper at 6:00. Christian mothers are invited.

Father Ilango will be gone to India from January 5 to February 5. There is a schedule on the vestibule bulletin board of the priests who will be subbing for weekend Masses during his absence. There will be no weekend Masses while Father is gone; there will be the normal schedule of adoration on Tuesdays. For any emergencies during Father's absence, please contact Holy Rosary at 218.847.1393.

Copies of the **January—March Ministry Schedule** are available both in the kiosk at the back of the church and online at the parish website. All **Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to obtain a copy of the schedule. If you are not available to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

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

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

January 4, 2015

Collection	Dec 25, 2014	Dec 28, 2014	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.
Collection Basket			272	
Adult	\$ 5,735.00			
Loose	2,481.40			
Children	2.00			
Total:	\$ 8,218.40			
Other Budgeted Income				This week's Total:
Vigil Lights	\$ 20.70			\$ 8,218.40
Facility use fee	50.00			<u>15,350.70</u>
Immaculate Conception	40.00			\$ 23,569.10
Steeple Fund	40.00			
Window Fund	200.00			
Building Fund	15,000.00			
Total	\$ 15,350.70			
Other Parish Fund Raisers: FACC—\$ 150; Food Shelf (Youth)—\$ 50				

UPCOMING:

Jan 4: RCIA 7:00 pm @ Church
 Jan 5: Christian Mothers' Epiphany Party at 6:00 pm
 Jan 11: KC Supper Social at 5:00 pm, Supper at 6:00. Christian Mothers are invited.
 Jan 12: Stewardship Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm
 Jan 18: RCIA 7:00 pm @ Church

Ministry Schedule for Jan 11, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—Pat Schurmann and Nancy Bentley		
Ministers	Jeanne Wothe	Nancy Christensen
Of Holy Communion	Russell Karasch	Paul Guck
	Linda Mack	Sharon Guck
		Cheryl Stegmaier
		Dallas Flynn
Lectors	Jim Courneya	Christine Daggett
Ushers	Carey Alger	Kyle Wothe
	Mike Hiemenz	Bud Hensel
Servers	Brett Alger	Madison Ketter
	Carson Alger	Chelsy Hofer
	Ethan Wothe	Sarah LaSart
	Rachel Kasowski	Max Matejka

January 2nd Collections: 4th—Building Fund; 18th—Solidarity for the Church in Africa; 25th—FACC

Circle 5 is in charge of donuts in January
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*****Youth*****

December RE

Thank you to all the Children and the Parents that helped make a wonderful Christmas Eve Pageant!

Re January Schedule

Wednesday January 7, 14, 21 and 28 Regular Classes
 January 21, Confirmation class with Sponsors.

The Christian Mothers Epiphany Party is on January 5, 2015, at 6:00 pm. The meal is potluck. Please bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. KC's are invited to the party.

Special Collection Totals for December

Building Fund—\$ 1,696.92
 Window Fund—\$ 582.50
 Steeple Fund—\$ 1,632.50

Dear friends in Christ, I extend my warm and loving greetings to you all in this New Year. I want to offer my special thanks to those who gave me special gifts around Christmas and those who sent nice greetings. As I will be gone for a month in January, kindly keep me in your prayers for a safe trip and a good visit with my parents and family. I will keep you all in my prayers and Masses throughout the month. May the grace of God accompany us all wherever we go with love and prayers...
 Fr. Xavier Ilango