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THE CHALLENGE TO BE THE MAN CHRIST CALLS US TO BE The Story of a Father Forgiven. Deacon Burke Part II

Today Deacon Harold Burke visits us via presentation from the CMFNEO Conference on 3/22/2014.



Deacon Burke is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense approach to living the Catholic faith will challenge and stir you. He is the Founder of a Christian evangelization organization dedicated to the spreading and promotion of Catholic values, principles, and teachings in complete faithfulness and total submission to Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Catholic Church Teachings.



We will soon hear a real life experience on forgiveness and how we touch other people's lives in a fundamental way, *without our knowing it*. More so the Deacon provides a blueprint for success in accepting God's love that we can all benefit from.

Deacon Burke exposes a fundamental Truth of God: Forgiveness by definition provides peace to both the offender as well as the offended; and is the very heart of God's Gift of Love in our world. May we be inspired to a deeper love of Christ and the Gospel by sharing in the truth of Forgiveness.

Let us pay close attention to the Scriptures, Catechism and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission. Amen

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are New in Christ

Therefore, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away, behold, new things have come. In addition, all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely God was reconciling the world to himself, in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Matthew 6:14-15

We are to emulate Christ

If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. However, if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.



The Word of the Lord

Catechism

“And Forgive Us Our Trespasses, as We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us”

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If we pray the Our Father sincerely, we leave individualism behind, because the love that we receive frees us from it. The “Our” at the beginning of the Lord’s Prayer...excludes no one. If we are to say it truthfully, our divisions and hostilities must be overcome

Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude.
Martin Luther King Jr.

2839 With bold confidence, we began praying to our Father. In begging Him that his name be hallowed, we were in fact asking Him that we ourselves might be always made more holy. Though we are clothed with the baptismal garment, we do not cease to sin and turn away from God. Now, in this new petition, we return to Him like the prodigal son and, like the tax collector, recognize that we are sinners before Him. Our appeal begins with a “confession” of our wretchedness and His mercy. Our hope is firm because, in his Son, “we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” We find the effectual and sure sign of his forgiveness in the sacraments of His Church.

“If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive.”
– Mother Teresa

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Questions to Focus on:

1 It is said that we may not remember what specifically a person(s) did to us in our lives, but we will ALWAYS remember how that person made us feel. Is there a person in your life whom you attach a strong feeling to?

2 Do we live in the Past, thinking about a person(s) who hurt us then? Do we judge them with a prism of that past timeline? Or do we accept that person as they are today? Please share.

3 Does being a follower of Christ compel us to forgive others as we have been forgiven? How does this square up when dealing with "baiters" who believe that undermining you will somehow advance their "cause"?

Hint: Philippians 1:15-18 Of course, some preach Christ from envy and rivalry, others from good will. The latter act out of love, aware that I am here for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not from pure motives, thinking that they will cause me trouble in my imprisonment.

What difference does it make, as long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed?

The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man.
Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Men's Group Calendar

9/27/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
10/11/2014	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
10/25/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
11/8/2014	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
11/22/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

**WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS,
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS.
WATCH YOUR WORDS,
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS.
WATCH YOUR ACTIONS,
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS.
WATCH YOUR HABITS,
FOR THEY BECOME CHARACTER.
WATCH YOUR CHARACTER,
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.**

**We must develop and maintain the
capacity to forgive.
He who is devoid of the power to
forgive is devoid of the power to love.
There is some good in the worst of us
and some evil in the best of us.
When we discover this, we are less
prone to hate our enemies.**
-Martin Luther King, Jr., Loving Your Enemies

To Forgive is to set a Prisoner Free and Discover that the Prisoner was You

May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself, forgive me, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave. Amen

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to Forgive others by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Asking God for strength to resist temptation and sin

Paying more attention to Blessing those in my life as God intends

Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant

*Lord, help me to pray not as an exercise of my will,
But a surrender to Yours.
Thank You for Your kindness to me.
Amen.*

