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25th SUNDAY after PENTECOST / 25^a Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа November 22nd, 2020 A.D.

"Jesus' love goes before us, His look anticipates our needs. He can see beyond appearances, beyond sin, beyond failures and unworthiness. He sees beyond our rank in society. He sees beyond this, to our dignity as sons and daughters, a dignity at times sullied by sin. but one which endures in the depth of our soul." - teaches Pope Francis I

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit. - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! - Glory to Him Forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віки! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Christ is among us! – He is and will be!

Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak:

Lord, Our God,

We thank you for the life that is your gift, For the providence that sustains us,

And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days.

The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.

This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives. We humbly beg you, loving Lord,

Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases. Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus. Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Молитва у Часі Спалаху Коронавірусу:

Господи. Боже наш. Дякуємо Тобі за життя, яке є Твоїм даром, За провидіння, яке нас підтримує, I за Твою мудрість, яка спрямовує хід наших днів. Сьогодні перед нами загроза зараження коронавірусом. Ця хвороба викликає страх серед нас і забирає життя. Ми смирено просимо Тебе, люблячого Господа, Розвій наш страх і позбав нас від цієї та усіх інших хвороб. Вилікуй тих, хто страждає, і зупини поширення вірусу. Зміцнюй нас у благодаті, щоб ми дбали одні про одних. Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброти та любові, і ми прославляємо Тебе Отця, Сина і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Please contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. In case of emergency phone (250) 299-7249. If you would like to come to Confession, meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephon or internet, want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care homes, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.

Liturgical propers in English language:

Tone 8, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 105-107 Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians: (Eph. 4:1-6)

Brothers and Sisters, I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

Gospel: (Lk. 10: 25-37)

At that time a lawyer stood up to pose Jesus, this problem: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and vou shall live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied: "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense, I will repay you on my way back.' "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same."

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine until the end of the war and in the whole World: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 8, текст "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 104-106

Апостол: До Ефесян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Еф. 4, 1-6)

Браття і Сестри, благаю вас я, Господній в'язень, поводитися достойно покликання, яким вас візвано, в повноті покори й лагідности, з довготерпеливістю, терплячи один одного в любові, стараючися зберігати єдність духа зв'язком миру. Одне бо тіло, один дух, і в одній надії вашого покликання, яким ви були візвані. Один Господь, одна віра, одне хрещення. Один Бог і Отець усіх, що над усіма й через усіх і в усіх.



Євангеліє: (Лк. 10, 25-37)

У той час приступив до Ісуса один законовчитель, щоб його випробувати, та й каже: "Учителю, що мені робити, щоб вічне життя осягнути?" А Ісус мовив до нього: "В законі що написано? Як там читаєш?" Озвався той і каже: "Люби Господа, Бога твого, всім серцем твоїм, усією твоєю душею і всією силою твоєю і всією думкою твоєю; а ближнього твого, як себе самого." "Ти добре відповів", сказав (Ісус), "роби це й будеш жити." Та той, бажаючи себе самого виправдати, каже до Ісуса: "А хто мій ближній?" Мовив тоді Ісус, кажучи: "Один чоловік спускався з Єрусалиму до Єрихону й потрапив розбійникам, що його обдерли й побили тяжко та й пішли геть, зоставивши півмертвого. Випадком ішов якийсь священик тією дорогою; побачив він його й, збочивши, пройшов мимо. Так само й левіт прийшов на те місце, глянув на нього й пройшов мимо. Але один самарянин, що був у дорозі, зненацька надійшов (на нього) й, побачивши його, змилосердився. Він приступив до нього, перев'язав йому рани, полив їх оливою і вином; потім посадив його на власну скотину, привів до заїзду й доглянув за ним. На другий день він вийняв два динари, дав їх господареві й мовив: Доглядай за ним, і те, що витратиш на нього більше, я заплачу тобі, коли повернуся. Хто з оцих трьох, на твою думку, був ближнім тому, що потрапив розбійникам у руки?" Він відповів: "Той, хто вчинив над ним милосердя." Тоді Ісус сказав до нього: "Іди і ти роби так само."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, help to sanitaze and clean at the parish after after church services, everyone who volunteered to make pies, every person who knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects by keeping and sharing their Christian love, unity by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity!

- ➤ Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton: Sunday (Nov 15th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 198.00
- > Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Nov. 15th) Divine Liturgies donation: \$ 485.00.

DONATIONS! Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer (it is a direct deposit, no security question is needed) via dormitionetransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic

Church 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for us all.

"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

NOTE: Due to the growing numbers of the confirmed COVID-19 cases our chuch is closed for public services until Dec. 7th! Your pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another, participate via facebook streamings, stay healthy and safe!

CONGRATULATIONS! ЩИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!



May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation for many, happy and blessed years of life to Mrs. Olga Kuzyk on her birthday (Nov. 22nd), Taryn Verhelst on her birthday (Nov. 22nd), Mr. Mykhailo Duhoday on his birthday (Nov. 22nd), Robert Verhelst on his birthday (Nov. 23rd), Maria Melnyk on her birthday (Nov. 27), heavenly patron's name-days, and all our parishioners and family members who celebrate their birthdays, heavely patron's /saint's name-

days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, B.C.: https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5
You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: DormitinionKelowna Parish: https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5

Please also welcome to visit our Cathedral Facebook page for live-stream videos of the liturgical services at Holy Eucharist Cathedral: https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING TO GOD AT YOUR HOMES AND ON-LINE TODAY! Wishing you and all your dear ones to be blessed by God with health, hope, joy, peace and Christian love!

Proverbs 3:6

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Liturgical and Sacramental Services are celebrated by your spiritual fatherpastor at the church during this week:

SUNDAY, November 22nd at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings of all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* (in Engl. and Ukr.)

Panakhyda for victims of Holodomor/genocide by starvation organized by USSR government in 1932-1933

Mon., Nov. 23rd at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings in good health for Mrs. Bronie Huska, all her relatives and friends Tue., Nov. 24th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings in good health for Mrs. Olga Kuzyk, all her relatives and friends at 1:00 p.m. Moleben to the Emmanuel

Wed., Nov. 25th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings in good health for Mrs. Martha Holick

Fri., Nov. 27th at 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings in good health for Mr. Gregory Bulat Sat., Nov. 28th at 5:00 p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY, November 29th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

at **9:00 a.m.** The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings of all our parishioners, relatives and friends. (in Engl. and Ukr.) Moleben to the Emmanuel

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Stefania Paraniuk, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Marilyn Daulat and Family, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Adeline Sorochuk and all members of our parochial family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends and neighbours; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother or sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him or her know that our parish community misses his or her at the church very much and prays for them daily! We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful for November 2020 A.D.

- For Catholic Education: For protection and graces during this time of Pandemic, we pray to the Lord.
- For educators and school staff called to live a life of love and sacrifice during Covid 19, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may be inspired by the example of the many great saints who have gone before them and who intercede for them, we pray to the Lord.
- For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may nurture the growth of wisdom and virtue in the young, we pray to the Lord.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast - no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: Baptisms: by appointment. Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. Reconciliation: by appointment. **Holy Communion**: for the sick, by appointment. any time, Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time), Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with

your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона

була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Og0D2DhlpU Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: https://bvmartyrshrine.com/



2 volunteers are needed each time before and right after Divine Liturgies on Sundays to welcome parishioners and follow all required COVID-19 safety rules and regulations, fill up Sign-In List/Questionnaire and clean by sanitizing the church after each service.

YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT OF OTHERS: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. In consideration of other Christians, please do not leave any items in the pews. Let each of us do our conscious part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building safe and clean. Thank you very much for your understanding, help and care! Please always remember that church is a house of prayer!

If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT: We continue catechism classes with 2 short classes each Sunday. The first session will go from 10 am (right after Communion) to 10:30 am and the second session will go from 10:40 am to 11:00 am. This will keep class numbers small and allow for sanitizing between classes. Children from the same family must sit together and 2 meters from other children. There will be no singing and all adults will wear masks. Thank you very much for the parents and other volunteers who have offered to help. We hope to provide a safe, fun, and spiritual experience for our Parish children.

UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE PARISH SCHOOL: If you want your child or grandchild to learn Ukrainian language during this 2020-2021 school year – please, contact Mrs. Olena Fedorov or Dobr. Mariia Myts.

Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand.

In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts.

Fill our hearts with his love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people.

Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

May we see Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Express Depot Recycling: We have this set up for parishioners to use. They enter the church's phone number and place the sticker on the bag. All monies will then be able to be able to be etransfered (after \$10) or check (after \$50). It can help with donations for those unable to attend and financially support the church. https://www.return-it.ca/express/

FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tornaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the

parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive, possitive and generous!



Since 2012
the Ukrainian
Catholic Eparchy of
New Westminster
has been collecting
funds to help
underprivileged and

orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a donation. Donations can be made at any Ukrainian Catholic Parish in BC or mailed and payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and clearly marked with "Christmas Candle Project" on the envelope and cheque. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis,

Join us

to Bethlehem

thursday nights

from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

November 19

Pre-Nativity fast in the Eastern Christian Spirituality
(fr. Richard Soo, SI)

November 26

Liturgical freparation to the Nativity
(fr. Andrzej Wasylinko)

December 3

Contemplating the Icons of the Nativity & Theofhany
(sr. Patricia Lacey, SSMI and Fr. Andrii Chornenkyi)

Welcoming & Opening Prayer by Most Rev. Bishop David (Motiuk)

No registration fee, just email to: pgparish@yahoo.com and receive the zoom link

Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at <u>Caritas "Christmas Candle/Piздвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy</u>.

HOLODOMOR AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020. Commemoration of the 87th Anniversary of the Holodomor Famine- Genocide of 1932-33. International Holodomor Memorial Day is on Saturday, November 21st at 7:32 p.m.



(19.32) local time we are invited to pause for a moment of silence and honour the memory of the victims by lighting a candle of remembrance in our homes. In our parish on after the Divine Liturgies on Sunday, November 22nd we will celebrate the Panakhyda for the victims of this genocide. INFO: Ukrainians were starved to death by the Soviet government and regime led by USSR comrade Joseph Stalin. All grain and food were forcibly seized, and the boarders were shut. In little more that a year, a quarter of the population pesished. This crime of genocide by starvation is a historical fact and known as the Holodomor. In 2008, the Government of Canada recognized the Holodomor as an act of Genocide against the Ukrainian people and established the fourth

Saturday of November as the National Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day. The provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec have adopted similar legislation. British Columbia officially has recognized the annual day of remembrance for Ukraine's Holodomor on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish: Perogies - \$ 7.00 per dozen, Cabbage rolls - \$ 7.00 per dozen, Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 per 1-pound ring. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.

An old, medium size deepfreezer is broken and must be replaced with a working one for our church kitchen use and future food sales. If any person can donate a good, working deepfreezer or help to buy a new one it will be trully appreciated.

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Pope Francis says pandemic has brought out 'best and worst' in people

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Pope Francis is seen delivering a message for the Nov. 19-20 virtual seminar, "Latin America: Church, Pope Francis and scenarios of the pandemic," in this still image taken from a video released by the Vatican Nov. 19, 2020. The pope said government leaders and authorities must not exploit the COVID-19 pandemic to discredit political rivals but instead set aside differences to find solutions. (Credit: CNS photo/Holy See Press Office.)

ROSARIO, Argentina - Pope Francis believes that the COVID-19 pandemic revealed "the best and worst" of each person, and that now more than ever, it's

important to recognize that the crisis can only be overcome by searching for the common good.

"The virus reminds us that the best way to take care of ourselves is by learning to care for and protect those who are close to us," Francis said in a video message to a virtual seminar organized by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and the Vatican's Academy for Social Sciences. The pope said leaders should not "encourage, endorse or use mechanisms" that turn the "serious crises" into a "tool of an electoral or social nature." "Discrediting the other only succeeds in destroying the possibility of finding agreements that help alleviate the effects of the pandemic in our communities, especially on the most excluded," the pope said. Those elected by the people to be public servants, Francis added, are called to "be at the service of the common good and not place the common good at the service of their own interests." "We all know the dynamics of the corruption" found in politics, he said, adding it is also the same for "the men and women of the Church. Ecclesiastical internal fights are a true leprosy that sickens and kills the Gospel."

The Nov. 19-20 seminar titled "Latin America: Church, Pope Francis and the Scenarios of the Pandemic," was held via Zoom, and included Cardinal Marc Quellet, the head of the Latin America commission; and remarks by Archbishop Miguel Cabrejos, President of CELAM, the Latin American conference of bishops; and Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Though it has devastated economies throughout the world, the new coronavirus has thus far been particularly pervasive in Latin America, where health systems were much less prepared than those in most of Europe to deal with the virus, leading several governments to enforce extended quarantines - with Argentina having the world's longest, at over 240 days, leading to a massive loss of GDP.

Pope Francis told the meeting that now more than ever it's necessary to "regain awareness our common belonging."

"We know that along with the COVID-19 pandemic, there are other social ills - the lack of a roof, the lack of land and the lack of work that mark the level and these require a generous response and immediate attention," he said. Francis also noted that many families in the region are going through times of uncertainty and suffering situations of social injustice.

"This is evidenced by verifying that not everyone has the necessary resources to carry out the minimum protection measures against COVID-19: A safe roof where they can comply with social distancing, water, health resources to sanitize and disinfect the environments, stable work that guarantees access to benefits, to name the most essential," he added.

In particular, the president of CELAM referred to various realities that challenge the continent and that have highlighted "the consequences of a historical and uneven structure that shows innumerable vulnerabilities throughout the region."

Cabrejos said that it's necessary to "guarantee quality food and medicine for the population, especially for the most vulnerable populations that run the risk of starvation and not having the necessary supply of medicinal oxygen."

"The pandemic is affecting and will affect more seriously unemployed people, small entrepreneurs and those who work in the popular and solidarity economy, as well as the elderly population, people with disabilities, those deprived of liberty, to boys and girls and housewives, students and migrants," said the Mexican prelate.

Also taking part was Brazilian climate scientist Carlos Afonso Nobre, who warned against the dangers of reaching a tipping point in the Amazon rain forest: If deforestation does not end now, the entire region would become a savanna in the next 30 years. He urged for a sustainable development model with a "green deal," product of a "novel circular green economy" in the post-pandemic world. Barcena praised Pope Francis's leadership in the region, and highlighted his definition of populism developed in his recent encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti, in which the Argentine pontiff distinguishes between the leaders who actually work in favor of the people, and those who claim to promote what the people want, but instead focus on advancing their own interests.

"We have to do as much as we can with the leaderships we have today in Latin America, there's no alternative to this," Barcena said, referring to the need to overcome inequalities in the world's most unequal region, despite what one of the participants described as questionable leadership in some of these countries. "Governments can't do it alone, society cannot do it alone, and much less can the markets do it alone." In his video message, Francis acknowledged that the world will continue to "experience the devastating effects of the pandemic for a long time," while highlighting that the "path of solidarity as justice is the best expression of love and closeness."

Francis also said that he hopes the online initiative "inspires paths, awaken processes, creates alliances and promotes all the necessary mechanisms to guarantee a dignified life to our peoples, especially the most excluded, through the experience of fraternity and the construction of social friendship." When he speaks of focusing particularly on those who're excluded, the pope said, he does not mean to "to give alms to the most excluded, or as a gesture of beneficence, no: As a hermeneutical key. We have to start from there, from every human periphery, if we don't start from there, we will be wrong."

History's first pope from the global south highlighted the fact that, despite the "gloomy panorama" the region faces, the people from Latin American "teach us that they are people with souls who know how to face crises with courage and know how to generate voices that shout in the desert to pave the way for the Lord."

"Please, let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!" he exclaimed. "The path of solidarity as well as justice is the best expression of love and closeness. From this crisis, we can come out better, and this is what so many of our sisters and brothers have witnessed in the daily giving of their lives and in the initiatives that the people of God have generated.



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