

of view, looking out into the world with the mind's eye. – It is because man has not yet suffered enough. Only through suffering will you grow strong. Then you will be able to call out with ease like st Stephen while they were stoning him: „LORD, do not hold this sin against them.“ In this you can test your love of GOD. As far as you are not in a state of death-bringing sin you are the temple of GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, are you not? In that case you do have the HOLY SPIRIT. Let Him work in you, then it should not have to be so difficult after all.

Look, you cannot say you love GOD if you do not love your neighbours, whom GOD loves very much. There is nothing kitschy about love. Love is honest, it is natural, it is normal. However, it is also the duty of love to tell the truth. Love must also sometimes point out faults, even at the risk of hurting a loved one. Then you should stay close and encourage him again if he recognizes it and feels that you mean well. Consider, how would you like to be set right? Why do you expect more from your neighbour? In all things treat your fellow human beings in the same way as you would like to be treated by them. Amen!

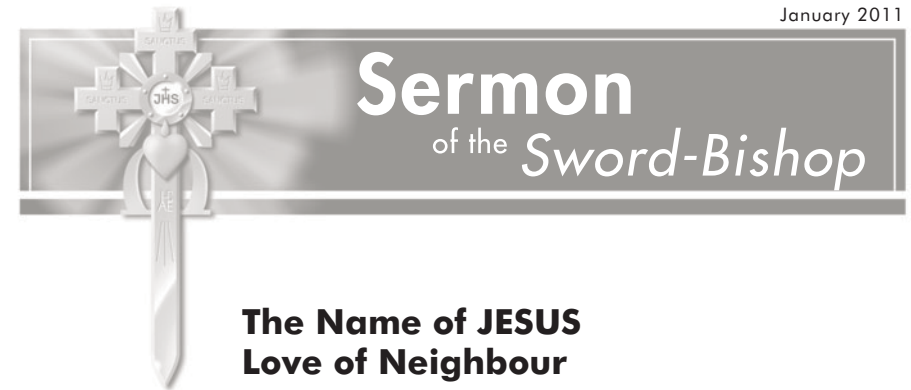
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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The Name of JESUS Love of Neighbour

My beloved, I am delighted to welcome you all to the feast of the most holy Name of JESUS. Surely you will help me with your prayers to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in a manner pleasing to GOD.

May I ask you: let us bend our knees together ... For it is written: „That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (comment of the Sword-Bishop: through the HOLY SPIRIT).“ (Phil 2,10-11) So be it! So shall it be done!

The Name of JESUS Is Our Salvation

My beloved, how miserable do I feel because I am expected to preach now about the Name of JESUS. For this Name – JESUS – is inexhaustible. Living up to this Name – no one on earth is capable of doing. I can say only one thing: there is nothing more beautiful on our earth than the Name of JESUS. We can achieve anything in this Name if it is pleasing to GOD. In the Name of JESUS the evil spirits must budge; the Name of JESUS is our salvation; the Name of JESUS is to be loved. How unspeakably sweet it is in the heart!

Only through love can you experience what this Name means, through love which you can receive from GOD. Many people think they have love if they attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each Sunday and pray the Rosary as well. That is just one side. What about your love of neighbour – towards your parents, your husband or wife, your children and so on? The love of neighbour is the indicator of your love of GOD!

Do Everything without Grumbling

„Therefore, my dear friends,“ says Paul, „as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you (comment of the Sword-Bishop: you are temples of the HOLY SPIRIT) to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain.

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me!“ (Phil 2,12-18)

Prove Your Love

As you can see, the Main Commandment has two parts: the love of GOD and the love of neighbour. But how many quarrels are there again and again? – Some people who have to live in disharmony with their house-mate or who are in conflict with their neighbour, though they themselves are not to blame, might think: „If only this conflict came to an end, I would be happy!“ – Remember: if you have to suffer such things, you are privileged! Now you can show GOD how much you love Him. Now you can prove that you are able to forgive. For he who cannot forgive, commits a sin. Who is not able to forgive will become ill, he will at least grow bitter.

You want to know how pious you are? Indeed, many people look into the mirror and say: „I am a pious person! I have already prayed three Rosaries.“ Here the Pharisee in the temple immediately comes to mind ... Beware: prayer is just the fuel for your car. With it you are supposed to get strength and energy in order to live a life pleasing to GOD. If you say that you love GOD by giving Him all these prayers of yours, yet you do not love your neighbour, you are a liar. You need not exactly hug and caress your neighbour! But why quarrel? Of course, you can set right whatever is said wrong about you. But do not work yourself up into a frenzy telling a person off, but keep calm. If your neighbour is not prepared to believe you then,

leave him and say: „LORD, You tell him.“ But bear in mind that the LORD will not defend you until it pleases Him. Be patient and wait. Perhaps He will not justify you until you are in Heaven.

The Heavenly Glass Ball of Virtues

When I was a layman, yet already active with the Children’s Prayer Storm, I often stood and watched people rapidly lose grace by criticizing and judging. At that time I attended early Mass and I noticed two women who often went on a pilgrimage and prayed all night long. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass they went to a café. Well, there is nothing to be said against it. Because it was GOD’s will, I also went there and sat down in a corner of the café. Then I saw a wonderful heavenly ball of glass floating above each of the women, and in each ball the most beautiful colours were to be seen. In them you could see their virtues, their prayer, their church attendance and their reception of the SAVIOUR. It was a wonderful sight. As they were sitting at the table engaged in a religiously edifying conversation these balls melted into one showing the most beautiful colours which can only be found in Heaven. „For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.“ (Matt 18,20) But then they lapsed into criticizing the clergy and I sat there and watched this wonderful, colourful ball grow paler and paler due to their criticizing. In the end only sulphur was to be seen in it.

How often do people expect more from their neighbour than they expect from themselves. How often do people criticize their neighbour and judge him. Oh, how much I wish with all my heart that there is peace among you. For you cannot possibly love GOD without love of neighbour. Consequently, whatever you pray and do with good intention is bound to end up in self-gratification. You cherish the opinion that GOD will surely be pleased with you thus creating your own GOD.

Feast of Peace

My beloved, we have recently celebrated the Feast of Peace – Christmas. Did you go and get GOD’s peace on this feast? Or have you become embittered during these feast days just because some cancelled their visits, because others did not write or phone? Oh, how soon is man offended. Do you know why? – I am speaking now to humanity as a whole from GOD’s point
