

August 2, 2015 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle B
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Good Morning, How are you? Audience: “Blessed!” Good Job!

We are blessed even in the midst of all the darkness that’s been going on. When I did my Holy Hour this past Friday night, in the middle of the night, I couldn’t shut the Lord out. You know I just kept okay, and I am not listening because He was like screaming at me and He kept just saying “enough, enough, enough”. And so I said “okay, enough, enough enough” and it had to do primarily with the Planned Parenthood reality. And when we listen to the second reading today, He says “you must no longer live as the Gentiles do with the cloudiness of a mind”. We need to be clear and Jesus talks about clearly we must not work for perishable things but that which is imperishable. This isn’t a political homily, don’t worry, this is a salvation homily. This is what we need to do to be saved and what we need to do to bring others to be saved.

We stand up for what’s right, that’s our job, that’s why Christ was killed. He stood up and said “this is right and this is wrong”. And when Planned Parenthood sells baby parts, and they do it with our taxpayers money, a half a billion dollars a year, when are you going to get mad and just say “enough, enough”. And as I was talking on my radio program this week, I said “can you imagine if men stopped being spiritual wimps, and the men stood up and said “enough”. If the women stopped saying, I just want to be like this and faced it up and said “enough”. That somewhere we got to stand up to the power like David did to Goliath and say “enough”. And as I was sitting there praying, and it was just like, could I imagine that I would drop dead and I come before the Lord and he says how come during your lifetime, since the thing of Roe vs Wade, 60 million children died, 60 million, and I can’t just say “Well Jesus they weren’t my kids”. “No, they were mine. And you did nothing. You didn’t want to get involved. You just wanted everything to be, you didn’t want people to get mad at you, you just wanted everything like just talk about how God loves me and everything is going to be fine and God has a place for me in heaven and no matter what’s going on in the world, it’s all ok Father.”

We do know the way this ends. Jesus will win as we talked about a couple weeks ago but we need to cooperate with him. Just like Mary, when she was confronted with the will of God, Mary needed to say “Yes”. And she “Yes” brought salvation. When God’s looking at us and saying “Who’s going to stand up

for my children?" You and I need to say, 'I will, I'll stand up for them God, I will speak life into the world of darkness. I will cry out, "enough!" And so the question is what are you going to do about it? Because that is ultimately what it is. You cannot stand by and say "I'm going to do nothing". Because then you let people kill children in front of you. And just like if someone was going to come and kill a baby up here and I just sat here and say "that's between her and that child, I can't do anything about it". And we all watch it. Well that was her choice, she killed that baby but you know who am I to say anything? You and I should be up here and say "enough". You do not do that. You will not kill a child in my presence. We need to do it and so the first thing we need to do is we need to become people who pray for this.

So that means that every day that you put into your prayer thing that Planned Parenthood will be destroyed. I have already as a priest, have cursed it. I have bound it in its sin. And it's only a matter of time before it falls, I promise you. Just like people laughed at me when they said let's start praying for the abortion clinic to close in Erie. There's no abortion in Erie or the diocese of Erie, and I believe primarily because of prayer, most powerful thing. So what you need to do is have that daily prayer and one of the greatest weapons in that prayer is the rosary, The Mother of Life. When we together decide that we are going to say our rosary every day for the end of this killing of our children in our time. Then God will answer that, we'll be saying yes as Mary said "Yes".

The second thing we need to do is we need to start fasting. You know especially like tomorrow, they are going to vote. Now we know that their vote is going to---they might win and that they are going to defund Planned Parenthood and then it will go to our pro-abortion President who is as dark as dark can be will sit there and veto it and it won't win. But we need to say, "I fasted and I prayed", and that eventually in spite of all the wacky people who say it's okay to kill babies, we'll speak the light into the darkness and say "enough". So we need to fast, we need to...you don't need to do a full day fast, but maybe give up once, give up breakfast and say "Lord, if all of us in this country start doing it, if the ones who are followers of Jesus Christ, the Jews, anyone who is a God believer starts saying "enough" and we start praying, don't you think things will change?

And then as we start doing that, then I would encourage you to write to our Congressmen and Senators. I did it this morning. Very simple, look it up on the internet. You couldn't go after Casey all too easy, because he had to make you go through everything else and I did. He says he's pro-life, well let's see Senator. You vote against, you sit there and say no more funding for Planned Parenthood.

Do something! If we all decided that we're going to write, well that would be a big thing 'cause all politicians, the only thing they care about is money and peoples' opinions. So when we start saying "no" and we start holding back money, then they'll start saying "Oh, I've always agreed with you, don't you know." We have to sit there and say "enough".

The other thing we have to do and I think it's very simple, that I sat there and I keep hearing "enough", I just start writing things down that we need to get. We need to get signs, we need to get bumper stickers, and we need to get those other things that just say "Enough!" And if we keep seeing these "Enough" signs all around the country, then people will think, oh this might be a very big deal. You know, maybe it is the majority that says killing babies is evil. And people, if you come here every week to church and you're listening to me, and you in your hearts of hearts do not believe that killing babies is evil, you really need to change your heart and change your mind. There is nothing more evil in the world. Planned Parenthood is worse than ISIS. ISIS kills few people; Planned Parenthood kills millions of babies, millions! And we sit there and say, oh well you know, it's their choice. Somewhere, somehow, we need to say "Enough!" We are going to stop it in God's name because it's God's will. We sit there and we talk about our social justice and we want to take care of people who are poor and we must, but Planned Parenthood kills babies, predominantly black babies who are poor. When are we going to say in our social justice, "Enough"? When are we going to start standing up to the power of Goliath and say, "In Jesus Name, Enough?" It is "Enough!"

May each of you know God's love today and forever. Amen.