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THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION

(From "The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis, 11/24/13)

176. To evangelize is to make the kingdom of God present in our world. Yet "any partial or fragmentary definition which attempts to render the reality of evangelization in all its richness, complexity and dynamism does so only at the risk of impoverishing it and even of distorting it".[140] I would now like to share my concerns about the social dimension of evangelization, precisely because if this dimension is not properly brought out, there is a constant risk of distorting the authentic and integral meaning of the mission of evangelization.

I. Communal and societal repercussions of the kerygma

177. The kerygma has a clear social content: at the very heart of the Gospel is life in community and engagement with others. The content of the first proclamation has an immediate moral implication centered on charity.

Confession of faith and commitment to society

178. To believe in a Father who loves all men and women with an infinite love means realizing that "he thereby confers upon them an infinite dignity".[141] To believe that the Son of God assumed our human flesh means that each human person has been taken up into the very heart of God. To believe that Jesus shed his blood for us removes any doubt about the boundless love which ennoble each human being. Our redemption has a social dimension because "God, in Christ, redeems not only the individual person, but also the social relations existing between men".[142] To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: "The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable".[143] Evangelization is meant to cooperate with this liberating work of the Spirit. The very mystery of the Trinity reminds us that we have been created in the image of that divine communion, and so we cannot achieve fulfilment or salvation purely by our own efforts. From the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement, which must necessarily find expression and develop in every work of evangelization. Accepting the first proclamation, which invites us to receive God's love and to love him in return with the very love which is his gift, brings forth in our lives and actions a primary and fundamental response: to desire, seek and protect the good of others.

179. This inseparable bond between our acceptance of the message of salvation and genuine fraternal love appears in several scriptural texts which we would do well to meditate upon, in order to appreciate all their consequences. The message is one which we often take for granted, and can repeat almost mechanically, without necessarily ensuring that it has a real effect on our lives and in our communities. How dangerous and harmful this is, for it makes us lose our amazement, our excitement and our zeal for living the Gospel of fraternity and justice! God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). It corresponds to the mercy which God has shown us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36-38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves towards our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift. For this reason, "the service of charity is also a constituent element of the Church's mission and an indispensable expression of her very being".[144] By her very nature the Church is missionary; she abounds in effective charity and a compassion which understands, assists and promotes.

-Christopher Keenan OFM, Chaplain

How to Find the Peace We All Need?

As one might expect when searching for Peace in a concordance of the Bible, the results reveal the word peace present in several hundred verses of the Old and New Testaments. The meaning of the term peace (shalom in Hebrew) varies depending on where it is found in the Bible. The four times peace occurs in Genesis it refers to a conditional salutation, "go in peace" (Genesis 15:15, 26:29 + 31, and 44:17). That is also its use in Exodus 4:18, when Moses' father-in-law Jethro tells Moses to "go in peace" when Moses asked to take his wife and sons back to Egypt with him. For the remainder of Exodus and all of Leviticus peace is used numerous times in the context of a sacrificial offering or "a peace offering" as it is called.

From the Book of Numbers onward the word peace is used with varying terminology and means what most moderns would expect, such as peace in the land, covenant of peace, words of peace, terms of peace, made peace, peace to you. Interestingly, peace to you is conjoined with do not fear in Judges 6:23 and Daniel 10:19, very similar to Jesus' use of the term. We are also told that the Lord is Peace (Judges 6:24 and Jeremiah 12:5. Peace is very often part of a salutation; return in peace, go in peace (with the Lord's approval), peace from the Lord. God also speaks of peace as a blessing, "I will give peace" adding "and quiet," for which most mothers are thankful! The Psalms abound with exhortations toward peace: seek peace, speak peace, man of peace, bring peace, pray for peace. The Prophets speak of peace in terms like, prophecies of peace, may your peace abound, Prince of peace, Lord establish peace, ambassadors of peace, counsel of peace, and peace & prosperity. The prophet Isaiah is the most frequent user of the phrase.

The New Testament being one third the size of the Old Testament, uses the word less frequently, but peace can be found in all four Gospels, and most, if not all, of Paul's letters. Matthew uses the term only twice in his Gospel, both in chapter 10, usually considered Jesus' discourse to the Apostles. Blessing of peace in 10:13 is followed by Jesus' explanation that He has not come to bring peace, but rather derision (Mt 10:34). Obviously we need to interpret that saying in the context of the mostly Jewish Church that Matthew's Greek Gospel was initially compiled for and their experience of being expelled from Synagogue worship because of their new found faith in Jesus as the promised Messiah, which resulted in the unfortunate breakup of family and friends. The Gospel of Mark also uses the term only twice, the first is the familiar "go in peace" Mk 5:34 and the second is an exhortation to "be at peace" (Mk 9:50).

The Gospel of Luke has the most references to peace; beginning with the first chapter in the Canticle of Zechariah announcing John the Baptist as the "path of peace" and continuing with the choir of angels declaring "peace among men" (Lk 2:14). The salutations depart in peace and go in peace are present as well as the exhortation "peace be with this house" which a "man of peace" graciously accepts (Lk 10:5-6). We are told to grant peace, and a wise ruler makes terms of peace, that we can expect peace in heaven, and to make for peace. The last occurrence of the term is when the

risen Jesus blesses the apostles with "Peace be with you," a phrase we hear from the priest three times during the Divine Liturgy. The Gospel of John also records the post-resurrection "peace be with you" three times (Jn 20:19, 20 & 26).

The other occurrences of peace in John's Gospel is in the Last Supper discourse; "Peace I leave you, My peace I give you" (Jn 14:27) and "have peace in me [Jesus]" (Jn 16:33).

Interestingly Jesus qualifies the peace we are to receive; "Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27) and **"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."** (Jn 16:33). **These qualifications are important to understanding what Jesus means when He gives us peace. Many of us so desire to be at peace, but true peace manages to escape us as we struggle with anxiety, impatience, disappointment, and anger.** I relate to the seed sown among the thorns and thistles as I allow the anxieties of life to tear the Peace of Christ from my heart. What I truly lack is the trust in God that brings peace to fruition, instead I worry about what I am to eat, where I belong, and how are my finances.

Jesus tells us, my yolk is easy, my burden light. If that is so, the peace we search for can be gained by casting all of our cares and worries on Christ. Instead of questioning "do people like me" or "will I have enough?" Perhaps we can train ourselves to thank Jesus for taking care of all our needs. Thank God daily for handling the situations that we are incapable of solving on our own. When we cast all of our worries and fears on Christ, Jesus gives us the key to peace; his merciful and steadfast love. So many times in our lives we feel we have to be in control, to master any given situation or challenge. The fact is, sometimes we are incapable of changing things that are beyond our control. I still remember how helpless I felt on 9/11/01, certainly an uncommon feeling for a professional firefighter. In casting our burdens onto Christ, our fears and insecurities might not be eliminated, but our troubles will seem diminished as the Holy Spirit counsels us on the way of peace. Our best advice comes from St. Paul, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6-7). Basically the answer to the Title question is; listen to the Holy Spirit you received at baptism and were sealed with on your Confirmation.

Pax Christi to all!

- Tom Roche

Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award

The 2014 recipients, Captain Mike Alexander & officers and members of Engine 50 & Ladder 19 demonstrate the finest of FDNY lure, and exemplify what it is to walk in Father Mychal's Sandals.

JUBILEE 2015 91st COMMUNION MASS & BREAKFAST

DATE: SUNDAY, April 26, 2015

3 weeks AFTER Easter

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
Father Julian Deeken
Sunday November 9, 2014
 9:30 am at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 West 31st Street, Manhattan

8th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge

Walk of Remembrance

Sunday September 7, 2014

Rosary to precede the Mass @ St. Francis of Assisi
 135 West 31st Street, NY, NY

9:00 am

For more information please call:

Steven McDonald (347) 386-9400

Bill Schillinger (917) 902-6689

John Bates (516) 238-0952

6th Annual Harvest Gala

At the

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

Honoring

Fr. Jim O'Shea, C.P.

&

FDNY Battalion Chief Joe Bryant (Retired)

Wednesday Oct. 15, 2015

@ 6:00 PM

Stand up for LIFE

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Coming to Long Island this October ...

Pro-Lifers will have an opportunity to participate with family & friends, with people of all faiths, with people of all ages, in a huge public statement for life.

Sunday, October 5, 2014

2:00 PM—3:30PM

(rain or shine)

Along Route 25 & Route 110 (Huntington, LI)

&

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High School Scholarship Test

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Commencing 8:30 a.m.

All Hallows High School

111 East 164th Street

Bronx, NY 10452

(between Walton Ave. & Grand Concourse)

High School Scholarship applications will be available only after **September 30th** from our Scholarship Chairman, Bill Treanor (718-885-0648) or at 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. Completed applications must be returned by **November 26, 2014**.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

L to R : Chief of Dept. Edward Kilduff, Lindsey Harris, Gabriella Baldassare, Kayla Kilduff, Michael Kieran, Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor, Henry Driscoll, Connor Meade, Pres. HNS Chief Joe Bryant (Retired), Dennis Kirby, & Comm. Cassano



High School Scholarships
Awards Increased!

Our High School Scholarship awards have been increased! The four awards for four years to a catholic high school will be **\$1500.00 per year for four years.** The Fordham Prep award will stay the same. The **Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship Award for \$2000.00** and the **Captain Larry Monachelli Award for \$1500.00** are one time cash awards. (You will **NOT** be required to attend a catholic high school, but you will be required to take the High School Scholarship Test.) Please visit our web site, go to scholarship and check the Requirements for our Scholarship program. This way there will be no surprises. If you have any questions, contact us from our web site link or an E-mail: fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net.

On August 20, 2014, one thousand retired fire officers gathered together for a great day of information, food, and fun. It was a wonderful day to meet old friends and to make new ones. Prior to the date, we were told that if we did not make our reservations, we would be shut out of the event. That meant that retired officers that wanted to attend weren't able to do so because they didn't RSVP on time.

If you missed it, there will be another, the 4th Annual Retirees UFOA meeting next year. There is an adage that lost opportunities never return. This isn't quite true. Whenever one door closes, another door opens. It might not be the same event, but it has the potential to be its equal or perhaps even greater. I am speaking of the Annual Holy Name Society Timothy Stackpole Retreat.

The UFOA meeting was limited to 1000 people. The HNS Retreat is limited to about 125 maximum. If there was a rush to RSVP for the UFOA meeting, just think of the rush to be included in the 125 for the retreat. Just think, 825 more people will be shut out. Additionally, the retreat also includes active and retired firefighters so there should be an even greater rush to sign up.

The UFOA meeting was held at Russo's on the Bay. They served a delicious meal. The HNS Retreat is to be held at Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica. They don't serve just one delicious meal, they serve many delicious meals; 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch. The UFOA meeting only lasted 4 hours, the HNS retreat lasts 34 hours and everyone gets their own private room. The UFOA meeting had pertinent information for each officer; the HNS retreat has spiritually uplifting conferences. Both meetings offer that special camaraderie only firefighters understand and appreciate. The HNS retreat has the greatest cookies each evening after the day is through when many people meet to chat and the last dinner even includes wine with the meal!

The dates for the retreat are Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00PM for dinner to Thursday, October 23rd before noon. It is open to all members of the Fire Department. It is a time of great enjoyment for all who attend with a spiritual dimension that is hard to equal. If you want additional information, speak to anyone who has ever attended the retreat and they will tell you how good it is.

A special reminder to all Firefighters and Officers, RSVP early so that you will be included in this truly great event. Don't get shut out!
-Stephen Damato

Fall Schedule Meetings

(All MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM)

Monday October 6, 2014 : Burke's Restaurant

645 Bronx River Rd. off the Bronx River Parkway

(Please note this is a new venue!)

Monday November 3 2014: Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island



**Captain Timothy
Stackpole
Annual Retreat**
at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**
from **Supper on
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014**
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014

Call now and make your reservations:
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
718-739-1229

Over the past few years I have written small stories in order to draw some fellow firefighters to the Retreat Movement! Encouraged by Joe Bryant, I continue to try to draw more firefighters. It is my hope that they will join us at the retreat. I feel that if I can attract the attention of one firefighter and they are brave enough to join us at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House then I see my time as well spent.

In the days of Jesus, he knew many changes were needed. He displayed honesty, respect, courage, dedication, morality, happiness, and always an upright behavior. Now in a world abundant with greed and selfishness Gods teachings have been almost forgotten. We must return to his teachings and bring that former peace and harmony to this sinful world. We must bring back that upright behavior of life and live a peaceful life once again. Let us start at our Annual Firefighters Retreat. At our retreat we will be with many firefighters who think as we think. Let us act together to make this world a better place for us and our children.

- Retired Battalion Chief Jim Scheppel

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Reminder to Members

*Please forward your **\$10.00** dues to:*

Active Member:

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members:

Joe Kelly

12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

WALT'S RETIREE COLUMN

I pray all are doing well. We had a great turnout at Frances Schervier Nursing Home on July 24, which was our annual BBQ the Anchor Club sponsors. Many brothers showed up as usual. We had our Brothers from Lad & Eng Co. 52, help us out & a special thanks to the officers for showing their support.

I wish I could list all the names of those who helped out, but to be sure, Jim McDermott, Bill Dunleavy, HNS Pres. Joe Bryant & Billy Greco our new Bronx Trustee. Bill Greco came on the job in Feb. 1999 & was assigned to Lad. 49 who was with Eng. 68. He joined the Anchor Club & the HNS & has worked hard to support both organizations. He has for the past 15 yrs., volunteered at Calvary Hospital helping & leading the men to administer our love for those who are dying from terminal cancer. Calvary Hospital is a terminally ill cancer hospital.

Amongst Bill's other virtues he has an uncanny ability to organize the brothers & help them realize how important it is to be a volunteer. Bill did extremely well as the Pres. of the Anchor Club & now he has passed the baton to Brian Downey, our new Anchor Club President. We are in full support & will help Brian in his new undertaking. Bill takes up his new role as Bronx Borough Trustee. I know he will do well & will make himself available to our members.

It is with a heavy heart that I must tell you of the passing of a wonderful firefighter and a very dear friend of mine for over 49 yrs. John Morrissey. I remember the very first day I met him, I was the happiest firefighter in the world. It is the day I would no longer be known as the Proby! John came on the job in a class after mine. Only a 'Proby' can feel the relief when a new proby shows up. I can't think of a guy on the job that did not like John. He was easy going & I got along with him from the beginning.

John became Ladder 49's HNS Delegate & never missed a meeting. To show how good he was, he had 100% of our House signed up, including guys like David Zysman, David Eisenberg, & Lieutenant Lindenberg.

I remember an instance where John responded to an emergency & wound up delivering a baby. A year later, he responded to a fire & was devastated to find out the child that died at that fire was the very same one he had delivered a year earlier.

There is a time I remember a picture of John on the front page of the

News running out of a burning building with a child in his arms. That front page picture was later used by the Fire Prevention Unit as their poster picture for Fire Prevention. We were all so proud of him.

John was always ready to help out at events. He loved to play ball with the guys on the team. John & I entered many running events. One time, at Fordham College Track, we ran against each other & John ran an unbelievable 5 1/2 min. mile & beat me out by 100 yds. He was most proud of that.

Every year for 35 yrs. John volunteered at the firehouses 'Old Folk's Thanksgiving Dinner'. In the early days we spent that morning running a 10k Turkey Trot at the Old World Fair's grounds. For the last 19 yrs. John, as a member of the Anchor Club, also volunteered at Calvary Hospital helping terminally ill cancer patients. He also volunteered at Gold Water Hospital, St. Rose's & Rosary Hill Hospitals.

We did so many things together for so long that the Brother's would ask, "Where is John if I showed up alone. [I missed him then & now have no choice.] I would point to my side, "Want to see my scar? We were separated." However, now the scar is the one left in my heart. I know he is looking down & saying, "Don't share blame, credit & especially deserts, seconds anyone; I'm going up?" Finally, John would always prod me to say something at a wake - always giving me the elbow saying, "Go, Go." Well John I felt your elbow & here I am saying something, for you my friend. I know you're smiling. To honor those who have died, is to speak of them during our days. The other person I hold most dear & wish to honor is my daughter Robin who left us on May 26, 2014.

*Though my heart is broken, and my eyes are filled with tears,
I am proud to have had my daughter who will be remembered through the years.*

*We lost our little Rose Robin, who is beyond Heaven's wall this day;
Spreading love and kindness in God's own most special way."*

We love you.

Pray for all of our troops especially those in harm's way &, our firefighters who don't go to work each day; they go to war.

Take care & God Bless. If you have a message, a joke or wish to contact an old friend, call me at (914) 779-1826 or write: Walter Whitmore, 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710; or email me at wpwhitmore126@gmail.com.

Congratulations Once Again to Our 2014 Men of the Year!

Picture from Left to Right: Commissioner Cassano, Pres. HNS Chief Joe Bryant (Retired), F.F. Tom LaPolla (Retired), Chief of Department Edward Kilduff, Capt. Mike Alexander, Fr. John O'Connor and Rev. Christopher Keenan, O.F.M.



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Presidents Message

First, I would like to thank everyone who took part in our 2014 Jubilee. Our honorees were Chief of Department, Edward Kilduff & retired firefighter Thomas LaPolla, with Father John O'Connor, Franciscan Provincial as our guest speaker. The Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award went to Captain Mike Alexander & the Officers & Members of E.50 & L.19. Next year the Communion Mass & Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Yes, three weeks after Easter. So please, mark your calendars & your smart phones!

Here in the tri state area we had a good summer with many great weekends, weather wise & hope that the trend continues into the fall season. The Father Mychal Judge, Walk of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, September 7th at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on 31st Street, across from E1 & L 24. At 9 a.m. We will pray the rosary followed by Mass at 9:30 a.m. After mass we will make our way down to the World Trade Center stopping at various fire houses & police precincts along the way.

Our activities continue with our 1st meeting for fall on Monday, October 6th at Burke's Restaurant in Yonkers, 645 Bronx River Road, just off the Bronx River Parkway. November 3rd will be our 2nd meeting on Staten Island at the Hillside Swim Club. (All meeting start at 8 pm.) The Bishop Molloy Retreat House Gala will be held on Wednesday, October 15th followed by the Captain Timothy Stackpole Retreat on October 21st through the 23rd. If you not able to make the entire program, plan to attend for a "24".

The Annual Father Julian Deeken Memorial Mass, remembering all our departed members will be held on November 9th at the 9:30 a.m. mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street followed by the Line of Duty Widows Luncheon that afternoon at the Pennsylvania Hotel on west 33rd Street. All members that have children eligible for our High Scholarship Test mark down Saturday, December 6th. The test is held at All Hallows High School in the Bronx. Members must be in good standing and have submitted an application to Bill Treanor, our scholarship chairman.

We Need You. The present board members have been in office for quite some time & are looking for some relief. Most of the work that is done can be done from the fire house or at your home. So please, give some thought to becoming a member of the board. Remember, have fun & stay safe.

- Joe Bryant

PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTION CHECK-OFF

The Holy Name Society, Manhattan, Bronx, & Staten Island is a tax exempt, catholic & fraternal organization which has served the FDNY for nearly 100 years, both uniform and civilian. We are starting to go green by providing **ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY** with a **PAYROLL DEDUCTION**. To enroll go to www.nyc.gov/ess, **CLICK:** Payroll & Compensations, **GO TO:** Deduction Information, **CLICK:** Inquiries, **FIND:** FDNY Fraternal Organizations, **CLICK ON:** Holy Name Society.

New Members or members who have moved, transferred, or retired please notify us at fdnyholynamesociety.com We need your help to keep our records up to date! Remember to include your Name, Address, Phone Number, Rank, & Assigned Unit!