



Catholic Campaign for Human Development
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



Some OSM Homily Helps the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Sunday Mass Readings

November 11th, The 32rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 *“Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink.”*

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 *“Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf”*

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 *“Jesus sat down and opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them. Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”*

REFLECTION

In the first reading from Kings we have the image of the prophet asking for a response to thirst. In the second reading from the Letter to Hebrews, we are reminded that Christ became human so he could appear on our behalf.

In the Gospel from Mark we have the passage of Jesus observing how people give to those in need. He points out the exceptional value of people who give not only out of their surplus but out of their own poverty or need. Today we have been asked to preach about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for which there will be a second collection. We are asked to give not only out of our surplus but out of what we need. We have included bulletin inserts, both from the national office of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference and the local Office for Social Ministry of our Diocese of Honolulu. These inserts share the stories of how the **giving of time, talent and treasure** through the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** provides support and just compensation for people doing the good work or labor of **“fighting poverty and defending human dignity.”**

The National bulletin insert points out that in 2011 on the national level, more than 44 million Americans lived below the poverty level, and as we all know that number has grown worse in the last two years with the current economic crises. The OSM bulletin insert contains stories of local people struggling to overcome persistent poverty through programs of individual and collective self-help and empowerment. One of those stories comes from Hawaii, where on the Big Island, the HOPE Resource Center is helping formerly incarcerated persons re-enter their communities with transitional housing, rehab programs and valuable job training. HOPE Resource center is an excellent example of what the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** collection supports (see bulletin inserts for “talk story” examples to share).

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and a real difference.

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First Reading: Book of Prophet Daniel 12:1-3 ***“But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”***

Second Reading: Letter to Hebrews 10:11-15 ***“But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.”***

Gospel: Mark 13: 23-24 ***“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves you know that summer is near.”***

REFLECTION

In the first reading from the Prophet Daniel, we have the image of the wise leading many to justice shining like the stars forever. In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we have the message that Jesus became human and sacrificed himself on our behalf, for our redemption.

In the Gospel from Mark are reminded to look to special signs of the time, like fig trees in the spring. This autumn we have a very special sign like a shining star in the recent canonization of St. Marianne Cope, Saint of the Outcasts. As the recent letter of the Bishop indicates, we are all called to follow in the footsteps of St. Marianne by our service with the vulnerable in our midst. Our participation and support of service is a real way to honor St. Marianne because this is the way she Witnessed to Jesus and became a saint for all ages.

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