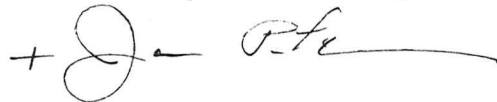


# memo *from the desk of*

Year C; 5th Sunday, 2//0/80

Bishop James P. Lyke

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## I. Sense of Unworthiness

- A. Fear of Self
- B. Unfair self-oppression (e.g., communion in hand)
- C. Authentic instances of unworthiness before God:
  - 1. marriage
  - 2. ordination
  - 3. single
  - 4. Grand Canyon

magnificence of God

## II. Simultaneous experience of greatness

- A. Despite my imperfection, God has called me to witness his covenant love for his Church in matrimony;
- B. Despite my imperfection, God has called me as priest to serve his people;
- C. Despite my imperfection, God has called me as a single person to use my freedom to help God's people;
- D. Despite our imperfection, God has called all of us to bathe in the magnificence of a sunrise or sunset;

none of us is too small, to do something great;

## III. Paradoxical experience of smallness and greatness leads all of us to exclaim:

"I am a man of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts!"



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"I am the least of the apostles. In fact, I persecuted the Church of God, but by God's favor, I am what I am."

"Leave me Lord, for I am a sinful man...."

"Do not be afraid from now on you will be catching men."

IV. The message is clear: God wants to use us to bring his message to the world -

none of us is unworthy.

In our very weakness, the power of God is shone forth in us. Through us, God reaches the heart of people.



"Mother to Son" -- I

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor--  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So, boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now--  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

--Langston Hughes

LITURGY FOR SUNDAY

MAY 11, 1980

PRELUDE

I -- Organ -- Msgr. Joseph R. Schwaegel

II -- "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice" -- Choir

PROCESSIONAL

I -- Organ -- Msgr. Schwaegel

II -- "The Lord Is King" Choir and Congregation  
(on next page)

Introduction

1965 St Paul's West Ottawa incident

Sts. Paul & Augustine  
3 Sunday - 2/18/84

Bob - Human Quest for power - the fundamental temptation

A. Frank next in church - sign of white supremacy, even if we had to ditch the Xtn. Power to do so!

B. Jesus temptation was ~~there~~ in three different

temptation - in great temptation for power expressed in three different ways; temptations

- 1) to take care of ordinary needs in a material way;
  - 2) "Command the stars from its hand";
  - 3) to overcome the laws of physical nature;
- "Show yourself divine..." he said and arose"
- "he displayed before him all the kingdoms of the world"

C. Not only power, but power co-extended to God's power - "You certainly will not die".... You will be like gods who know what is good & what is bad

D. My contention - we are in unlike the women making the Virgin Mary

- 1. Our temptation in power is in our very being; God made us in his image & likeness to his dominion - look the image & the power -
- 2. Temptation in ~~the~~ to show heart, and will for the wrong purposes to use the mind, heart, and will for the wrong purposes

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3. E.g.,

- family life → a contest of wills, new car/stone/clothes  
economics of family life → way children are to be raised
- Contemporary Black history - contest of wills -  
"one way"!

Leroy Bennett, "A whole generation is growing up in the slum of Atlanta, Chicago, & London with nothing to turn to except drugs, crime, and self-destruction."

all agree, - but how to handle it is a contest of wills, a threat to ego...

4. What to do — X<sup>st</sup> — Spirituality

① or to dominate, control, rule, possess, be on "top" -  
"to serve and ~~to~~ give his life"

② Scripture

③ obedience

Just as through one man's disobedience  
all become sinners, so through one man's  
obedience all shall become just. — Romans


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ABORTION  
TRIAL

Bishop James P. Lyke

Jeremiah

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- I. Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you.

We do not belong to ourselves; we belong to  
God. God alone has true authority over my  
life.

Karl Rahner:

God has loved him from eternity.  
He has borne him in his mind from everlasting  
to everlasting.  
There was never a moment,  
while God lived and thought and loved,  
when this life, this person, and his eternal destiny  
were not present to Him, enfolded in His all-  
creative wisdom and embraced in His divine love.

- II. Thus, in a most real sense, there is no hiatus  
between the child in the mind of God and the  
child in the mother's womb from the moment of  
conception.

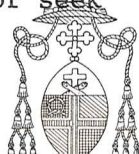
This is why we respectt the life of all peoples:  
the handicapped, the disadvantaged, the criminal  
on death row, Black, White, Brown people, ALL  
PEOPLE.

We are Christ's and Christ is God's.

Learn from the history of racism in this country.

The inconsistency of those who fight for the  
unborn and turn our backs on our brothers and  
sisters who want to purchase a home, or seek  
employment, and good education

!We are made to love and be loved:  
Mother Theresa



Poem  
of  
Mother  
Theresa

A. Full Employment Task Force/ First Labor Day Mass...

- hope it continues/grows/possibility of becoming annual rallying point and focus for human needs and concerns....

B. Basis

1. Dignity of Human Person: Individual  
Provider for loved ones (family)  
and society  
Builder of Society
2. Right to Employment
3. Right to Free Association  
to protect your interests  
to foster the common good
4. "Act like God."  
Let there be light...  
"Fill the earth and subdue it....  
Have dominion over the fish of the  
sea, the birds of the air....

A worse crime and sin falls upon the society that does not provide the jobs that give woman and man a sense of dignity, our youth a sense of hope, and our elderly a sense of reward and of being appreciated.

When I was unemployed, you gave me work....

*Distressing dignity of poor...*



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Who is the woman caught in adultery?

Is she not you and I, who is awesome  
& makes truth stand before God?

Let him who is without sin cast the first stone!

Is there anyone of us here who would dare cast  
the first stone?

This call to <sup>UNDER</sup>standing, this recognition  
that none of us is without sin, this require-  
ment that we cast out the ~~blow~~ spits in  
our own - is the first message of today's  
Gospel.

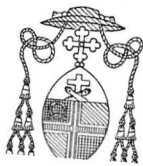
II. Who anyone else is ready to condemn,  
God is waiting to forgive. "The audience stirred away..."

e.g. How alienated from Church...

e.g. SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS WIN PRI-LIFE  
MOVEMENT...

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III. The Sinner must hear Jesus  
words - "neither will I condemn you"  
"Remember"



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IV. How fragile we are! How prone  
to sin! How tempted we are to self-  
righteousness (as tho we become good &  
justified by our own power & the force  
of our good acts).

"There, but for the grace of God,  
go I" — St. Francis...

I. Jesus invites others to conversion  
that leads to reconciliation acceptance;  
to transformation that means...

II. Equal treatment of women...

Justice in God...

VII. The concept of God...

VIII. The healing we experience in recognizing  
someone else; the self-knowledge we  
gain as in the process of forgiving

FORGIVENESS!!



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IX. The Various Theories as to what Jesus  
was writing on the ground...

X. St. Augustine - only two were left,  
wisdom & mercy.

XI. Jesus & Capital punishment...

His own capital punishment saves

us from an eternal capital punishment:

DEATH & SOUL!

XII. The older among us have <sup>Because</sup> ~~committed~~ we  
have lived longer, have committed the  
most sins. Or why are we so hard on  
the young?

XIII. Scribes & Pharisees were not there  
to witness Jesus' Kingdom - ? What was



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i) our first reaction toward anyone who  
has made a mistake should be pity.

ii)

ii) Jesus' treatment: (iii)  
a) Serious chance

A pity

a) challenge

a) Belief in human nature

a) warning

18 - Poem - Barccat





Inholection

@ H D Cleveland

United Nations

Stacy Root cause or poverty & help eliminate them  
Help people repair scars or worse & destroy —

Public Librarian, July 1968  
The riverbank, most of that

5,000 are —  
and Thomas' difference in order to let the  
parents of the poor, regardless of race, color, creed,  
or national origin

(I mention this in the context of the temptation narrative  
in Genesis & the account of the temptation of Jesus by the  
devil in the Gospels. For I have not understood that the foundation  
of all temptation narratives is a false temptation rooted in  
our very being — our temptation to be like God — not, to  
be like ~~himself~~ to be like him. There is a parallel  
and I have abstracted something from our creation.  
Center — our unredeemed self — we don't even want that  
I know about — that counterfeit aspect of my being  
I know about — that counterfeit aspect of my being  
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It is because of that our protected center that I find it  
difficult to enter another's communion with the other —  
in almost private, my brother's center

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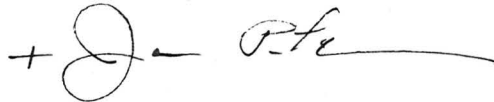
Let you into my synodical center, that you may remember  
me join you influence and ~~and~~ make me vulnerable to  
change. A review participation is Basil Kelly will be  
the more effort - for if I really identify in the  
of King & Malcolm or Balthasar & Turbano, I am on my  
synodical center to the possibility of review alteration.  
I know I'm not good, for God is unchangeable  
I know I know, I ~~know~~ know I'm on an impossible + unchangeable  
only - and, I want you to change me,

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St. Raphael  
September 13, '81  
20th Sunday in O.T.

Bishop James P. Lyke

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Saying: We are like beasts when we kill.  
When are like humans when we judge.  
We are like God when we forgive.

I. Supreme act of love on the cross: Father, forgive them....

- a. our call to forgiveness rests on the example of X
- b. a person must forgive in order to be forgiven

"Blessed are the merciful; they shall obtain mercy."

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will not forgive you. (after Our FATHER)

"For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James)

II. A person cannot forgive up to 490 times without forgiveness becoming part of the habit structure of his being. Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude. Continuing posture and disposition in human relationships.

III. Retaliation, revenge, memories of hurt are actions and thought patterns imbedded in our nature.

- a. personal = how easily past hurts are resurrected in family life; how readily we remember!
- b. judicial and legislative system demonstrate society's inability to structure rehabilitative forgiveness into the patterns of social life.






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Holy Name Holy Hour  
The Cathedral  
September 13, '81  
20th Sunday in O.T.

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I. "Lord, Philip said to him, "show us the FAther and that will be enough for us.

"Philip," Jesus said, "after I have been with you all this time, you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the FAther.".... Anything you ask me in my name, I will do."

II. "Your attitude must be Christ:  
though he was in the form of God,  
he did not deem equality with God something to  
be clinged to."

III.



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Ursuline College  
Liturgy Day - Diocesan  
11/16/81

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ADVERSARIES CAN TAKE EXCEPTION  
TO OR CONTRADICT

I BID YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR  
DEFENSE BEFOREHAND, FOR I WILL GIVE YOU  
WORDS AND A WISDOM WHICH NONE OF YOUR

## Introduction

Fr. Paul Schenley - quiet missionary heroes

- a. in the midst of an apocalyptic and cataclysmic world of El Salvador:
  - conspicuous injustice and violation of rights
  - danger of coming to parish meeting; some of his own people mercilessly killed
- b. his own interior world held together and integrated by a deep spirituality, which enables him to stand in the midst of impending doom with a vision of the fulfillment of the Kingdom

## I. Biblical Message:

### Bad news (Challenging)

Day, blazing like an oven  
anxiety over the 2nd Coming  
wars, insurrections, plagues, famines

### Good News

the sun of justice, with its healing rays  
alert lives of order and dedication  
patient endurance

## II. The marvelous opportunity for those of us who are working in liturgical ministry:

- monasticism  
mountain top  
experiences
- a. ever deepening study of the word;
  - b. unavoidable contemplation;
  - c. witness of the change within our selves and in others;
  - d. the renewal of entire parishes:  
GOOD NEWS IS EFFECTIVE!

## III. Danger: premature retirement; wrld=nuisance

- a. narrow range of our ministry
- b. only the "parish"

## IV. Possibilities:

- a. Universal/Diocesan Church
  - b. Other Commissions
- e.g., lectors  
eucharistic ministers/a  
Fuller symbol of...
- 