

Quarantine Thoughts-7

How long this Quarantine ?

We are now within the 90 days lockdown. Something that has never happened before and will go down in history.

Our life is now conditioned by gloves, masks and sanitizers. Let's take the common good above the personal freedom and comfort. Sometimes it is better to be alone than amidst a crowd.

Let's remember that Jesus withdrew himself to a lonely place for prayer and fasting. After that long period, he taught the great SERMON on the MOUNT.

²¹ "You have heard that people were told in the past, 'Do not commit murder; anyone who does will be brought to trial.' ²² But now I tell you: if you are angry^[b] with your brother you will be brought to trial, if you call your brother 'You good-for-nothing!' you will be brought before the Council, and if you call your brother a worthless fool you will be in danger of going to the fire of hell.

When we don't follow the guidelines of social isolation stated by the civil and church authorities social isolation, we are endangering our lives as well as our neighbours'. The government and ecclesiastical authorities are acting as God's messengers. There is no greater church or prayer house than a human being. And there is no greater sacrifice than love of our neighbour.

We become more civilised when we care for others:

Anecdote:

Many years ago, a student asked the anthropologist Margaret Mead what she considered to be the first sign of civilisation in a culture. Mead said the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur, thigh bone, that had healed from a break. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom if you break your leg you die, you cannot run from danger, go to the river to drink water, hunt for food. Injured animals or humans become fresh meat for predators. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone cared for the injured, treated the wound, took the person to safety and cared for them until they recovered. Helping someone through difficulty is where civilisation begins" said Mead.

Father Joseph