

From Pontiff to Pew (continued):

salvation that Christ wishes to bring about for all humanity and His Kingdom of justice, love and peace. The Church, therefore, does not proclaim herself; on the contrary, everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.

From this perspective, the Church is called to recognize humbly the human fragility and transience of her own institutions who, despite being at the service of the Kingdom of God, bear the fleeting image of this world (cf. *LG*, 48). No ecclesial institution can be treated as absolute; indeed, since they exist within history and time, they are called to continual conversion, to the renewal of forms and the reform of structures, to the continual regeneration of relationships, so that they may truly fulfil their mission.

Within the horizon of the Kingdom of God, we must also understand the relationship between the Christians who are carrying out their mission today, and those who have already completed their earthly existence and are in a state of purification or beatitude. *Lumen gentium*, in fact, affirms that all Christians form a single Church, that there is communion and sharing of spiritual goods founded on the union with Christ of all believers, a *fraterna sollicitudo* between the earthly Church and the heavenly Church: that communion of saints that is experienced in particular in the liturgy (cf. *LG*, 49-51). By praying for the departed and following in the footsteps of those who have already lived as disciples of Jesus, we too are sustained on our journey and strengthen our worship of God: marked by the one Spirit and united in the one liturgy, together with those who have gone before us in faith, we praise and give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

Let us be grateful to the Council Fathers for reminding us of this most important and beautiful aspect of being Christian, and may we strive to cultivate it in our lives.

Public Rosary - There will be a public rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday May 13, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. **We encourage you to Bring a Friend!**

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament - The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. Final deadline for Registration is May 27 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!