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September 13, 2015

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News, Reminders, and Events

Below is a summary of Bishop Farrell's letter regarding the surge of refugees in Europe



Office of the Bishop

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

September 9, 2015

My Dear People of God,

Every one of us has been deeply moved by the images and news accounts of the refugees fleeing Syria, Iraq and the Middle East. This is a human tragedy not seen in our world since the Second World War. Men, women and children are fleeing their homes due to political instability, war, religious persecution, hunger, rape and murder. Children, who should be living in a stable home environment, playing with their friends, getting an education, live in fear and wonder where they will sleep and find food.

The chief cause of this human suffering is the new caliphate called ISIS. People of all faiths, even Muslims, suffer under their tyranny. Most of the energy of ISIS however, is directed at eliminating Christianity completely from the area. Mass slaughter of whole Christian communities, beheading of men and women and even mock crucifixions are just part of their terror campaign. Ancient Christian sights, churches and monasteries, some going back to the 3rd century, are being blown up and leveled to wipe out any trace of Christianity. The western press rarely mentions these atrocities.

Our solidarity with brothers and sisters of our faith and other faiths in a part of the world where there is clearly an effort to eliminate them is something that we simply cannot ignore. Evil has happened in history because good people did not stand up in time to stop it. Sometimes we all have to raise our voice. Let us wherever possible contact our political leaders, those who form public opinion and the media and inform them of the need to raise public awareness of this tragedy and the persecution of Christians in this troubled part of the world.

We can also all raise our voice in prayer. Wherever groups gather to pray the rosary, make a holy hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, or attend daily mass, let the intention of our suffering brothers and sisters be a part of their prayer. In addition, please be generous and help whenever an appeal is made for donations to bring relief to those suffering so unjustly.

May we include daily a petition to Our Lady, Help of Christians, that she take into her loving embrace our brothers and sisters undergoing such suffering today.

Faithfully in Christ

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.

Bishop of Dallas

Saturday September 12 5:30 p.m. Mass †Leslie J. Lewis By Linda & Felix Lewis	Sunday September 13 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	Monday Sept. 14 No Mass	Tuesday September 15 6:30 p.m. Mass †Leslie J. Lewis By Linda & Felix Lewis	Wednesday September 16 6:30 p.m. Mass Jackie Kennedy By Elva Resendez CSO Meets	Thursday September 17 8 a.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	Friday September 18 8 a.m. Mass †Rossi Lucian Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	Saturday September 19 5:30 p.m. Mass Bill Trelec Sr. By Bill & Mary Trelec
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Impact of One

by Greg Laurie

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other (Romans 12:4-5).

When it comes to contemporary heroes of the Christian faith, we are familiar with names like Billy Graham. But what about Edward Kimble or Mordecai Ham?

Edward Kimble was a shoe salesman who worked alongside a guy named Dwight. Edward shared the gospel with Dwight, and Dwight accepted Christ. It was 1858, and Dwight's last name was Moody. We know him as D. L. Moody, who was one of the greatest evangelists in history.

Years later when Moody was preaching, a pastor named Frederick D. Meyer was deeply stirred, and as a result, he went into his own nationwide preaching ministry. On one occasion when Meyer was preaching, a college student named J. Wilbur Chapman heard him and accepted Christ. He went out and began to share the gospel, and he employed a young baseball player named Billy Sunday. Billy Sunday ended up being the greatest evangelist of his generation.

When Billy Sunday preached the gospel in Charlotte, North Carolina, it was such a great meeting that he was invited back. But when he couldn't be there, Sunday recommended a preacher named Mordecai Ham. Ham went to Charlotte and preached, but not many people responded to his invitation to accept Christ. But on one of the last nights, a tall, lanky boy who worked on the local dairy farm walked forward. Everyone knew him as Billy Frank, and we know him today as Billy Graham.

So Edward Kimble reached D. L. Moody, who touched Frederick Meyer, who reached J. Wilbur Chapman, who helped Billy Sunday, who reached businessmen in Charlotte, who invited Mordecai Ham, who ultimately reached Billy Graham. And it all began with the simple witness of Edward Kimble.

Every one of us can make a difference for the kingdom of God. What is He calling you to do?

Our Parish Weekly Need: \$ 2,771.60*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60*

Last Sunday, September 6, 2015: \$2,323.00

Colección desde el domingo pasado: \$2,323.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$ 3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$ 890.00

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$ 890.00

Building Fund September Total: \$ 890.00

Total de fondos agosto: \$ 890.00

Mass Attendance: 306

Cantidad de asistentes: 306

*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us. The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Marcus.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica, póngase en contacto con el p. Marcus.



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