

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am
First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday Morning: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening: 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM, For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Father Junipero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

30	8 AM	Monday of Holy Week Terry Pender, SI	RP
31	8 AM	Tuesday of Holy Week †Augustina Freitas	RE
01	8 AM	Wednesday of Holy Week †Winifred & Jim Caulfield	RP
02	8 AM	Holy Thursday †Tom Briggs	RP
03	8 AM	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	RP
04	5:15 PM	Holy Saturday	RP
05	8:30 AM	†Ignacia Andrade	RE
	10:00 AM	†Carlos Mendez Vargas	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	†Elina Lopez	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

APRIL: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

3rd	David Exner North American College Rome,
3rd	Brian Frice Mt. Angel Seminary OR
4th	Bernardo Lara Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
2nd	Nathan McWeeney Mt. Angel Seminary OR
1st	Eric Tamayo North American College Rome
3rd	Corey Tufford North American College Rome,
3rd	Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

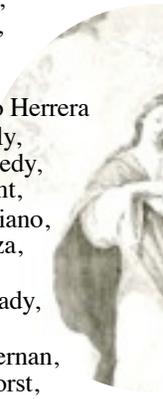
30	Rev. Edgar Serrano
31	Rev. Phillip Sessions
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert Brom
03	Bishop Gilbert Chavez

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-17; Jn 13:21-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:12-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2-25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
 Jn 13:1-19:42

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen

Joanne Daleo, Albina Farrie, Julie Fish, Esther Fitch, Lydia Castillo Herrera Margaret Kelly, Patricia Kennedy, Dorothy Kleint, Deena Marchiano, Dena Mendoza, Jean Miller, Patricia O'Grady, Lupe Riccio, Mary Jane Tiernan, Marguerite Vorst, Marie Whitman, Martha Zamudio, Carlos Amaya, Fred Levine,		Mike Rodriguez, Lisa Becerra, Maguire Fitzpatrick, Tony Jenkins, Peter Nalwalker, Bob Witt, Frank Garay, Connor Domsitz, Frances Garcia, Michael Blase Ambuul, Socorro Pacheco, Linda Lee, Joan Busalacchi, Amparo Valenzuela, Robby Witt, Phyllis Altomare, Denise Cooney, Alicia Ambrose, Shirley Pearson.
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PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander, Natalie Augustine, Major Jerry Bloomquist, Col. Mike Bodkin, Danny Carpenter, USMC, LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN, Cpl. Samuel James Comer, Daniel Dinglebeck, USN, PFC, David Eley, USMC, Micah Emery, Sgt. Christopher Escalona, Capt. Pedro Esquivel, 1Lt. Cortez Fabia, Juan Carlos Galazza, SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario,	Robert Clinton Long, MC2, Sgt. Adriana Matizel, Wendell Miculob, LTJG Joe F. Morales, USN; LCPL Matthew A. Pena, Sgt. Richard Pierce, Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco, CPL Wilson Santiago; Alfred Tello, Ricky Thibeault, Tony Tulloss, PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.
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†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Bette June Marciel, Kianna Meade, Julia M. Ocampos, Ernie Proo, Joan Schmittin, Karina Sosa, Clyde Southern, Jr., Mariana S. Tadena, William Kennedy, Robert McMahon, David Diaz, Margie Gautier, Patrick Piggot, Rodney Serrano, Concepción Garza,	Richard Solís Moreno, Laura Marks, Alvin Weaver, William Bethel, Lillian Sinclair, Olga Hritz, Imelda Hoeckelmann, Angelina Olivarez, Alice Perry, Joseph Moreno, Louie Serrano, Gustavo Sosa, Floyd Watson Iola Torre Thomas Briggs
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A "VOTE" FOR JESUS?

Election means to choose. Each political election season asks us to choose a candidate, to cast our vote so that he will get enough of them to be put into office in order that he fulfill to us the promises that he made and respond to our bidding. Often, the officials we elect do not deliver on the promises they made.

Politicians in the candidacy phase and in the elected phase are two different people. Often they do NOT do what the majority elected them to do. They are moved by fear, selfish desires, pressure from those who give them money or assure their continued service in office, their own agenda, among other things.

Our political system allows us to remove them from office upon the next election cycle.

Jesus came to win the hearts of the people. Jesus the "candidate" is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is not yes one minute and no the next, but always yes to God His and our Father in heaven. (2Cor 1:19)

He came not really as a candidate, but as an already enthroned king who wished to win the hearts of his subjects and have them enthrone Him in their hearts. He would be king whether or not they wished this, but he desired that they love Him as king.

On Palm Sunday the people chose Him as their King.

On Good Friday they killed their King.

To win their love and loyalty, Jesus made many promises and fulfills each one. He promised entry as citizens into this new kingdom if we would be born of water and the Holy Spirit in baptism (John 3:5). With this entry, we would be a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart to proclaim the marvelous works of the One who called us out of darkness into His own wonderful light (1Peter 2:9).

Jesus promised eternal life and resurrection to those who eat His Flesh and drink His Blood (John 6:51-58). He promised to make His home in us if we did the will of the Father (John 14:23).

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit to teach us all things (John 14:26), to speak through us. He promised that we would be one just as He and the Father are One (John 17:21).

Jesus promised that not one letter of the law would pass away until all things were accomplished in Him (Matthew 5:18).

All this being said, it is most curious that today people want to accept Jesus only on their own terms. He is treated as an elected official; His Church is treated as the private reserve of those who wish to remain in it, but not on Christ's terms, but their own!

People have left Jesus for Middle Eastern and Far Eastern religions, religions whose promises and tenets do not offer anything near what Jesus does. Others have left for new age ideas of spiritualism, nature religions to seek power in their lives. Others abandon Jesus for scientism, that which can be known and measured and understood philosophically.

Some people try to fuse Jesus with their own thoughts, with those of politics, psychology, so called liberation groups, all of which falsely try to use Jesus to justify their particular interpretations of equality, justice, fairness, and rights, which really are just a license to do whatever compels them at the moment.

Even Catholics at all levels of the church including her bishops occasionally succumb to this. Ecumenism, for example, is the noble effort toward unity in Christ in His church. To attain this some ecumenists say all faiths are equal paths to the same end and dismiss all things Catholic that non Catholics reject.

Some clergy and religious bound by vows and struggling to keep them, try to approve all sorts of sexual relationships: adultery, fornication, pornography, same sex marriage. Even bishops in the Synod on the Family are trying to introduce acceptance of these behaviors through Eucharistic sharing regardless of a person's behavior.

Catholics in large numbers do not see the sin of killing a child in the womb. Some are converted by the false idea that a woman has control of her own body. While she has control of her life, she doesn't own control of the other life in her womb to do with it whatever she wishes.

Jesus does not need our VOTE. He desires our loyalty and our love. He is already the King of the Universe. He promotes the divine law of His Father through the natural law that is placed within our hearts.

Like the Jews of the first Palm Sunday, ***you chose Him as your King in the youth of your faith.***

Do not kill Him now by trying to impose your own ideas upon Him who is sent to save you from ignorance.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

Publication deadline prevented us from providing a summary of the March 22 collection. The summary will be published in the April 5 bulletin. We thank parishioners and visitors who made a joyful return to the Lord.

**Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$27,000**

Paid to date: \$19,967.50
Pledged to date: \$31,872.50

**EXPENSES
March 16-20, 2015**

Diocesan Loan	\$863.06
Music Ministry	\$200.00
Payroll (incl. tax)	\$3,344.39
Payroll Service	\$61.45
Priest Pension	\$932.91
Property Insurance	\$965.34
Worker's Comp.	\$228.93

Total: \$6,596.08

**Schedule for
Holy Triduum**

- *Holy Thursday, April 2:
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
- *Good Friday, April 3:
Friday of the Passion of the Lord 7:00 p.m.
- *Holy Saturday, April 4:
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
- *No 8 a.m. Mass

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on **April 5** from 9:45 - 10:45. Immaculate Conception offers Family Catechesis in the brides' room of the hall to prepare children and parents the faith. Classes meet every two weeks

SCHOOL OF THE MADELEINE

offers special programs in accelerated math and Spanish in grades 5-8. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are now being accepted. Currently there are openings in **kindergarten through 7th grades**. For information, please call (619) 276-6545.

SPECIAL RETREAT

God's Healing Love - April 13th, 14th and 15th
Praise, worship and prayer with Fr. Greg Bramlage
St. Therese of Carmel Parish
Questions: tcolumbo@stocsd.org or 858 481-3232

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Join Father Richard for an introduction to the Bible on Wednesday, **APRIL 1**, (*no fooling*) in Serra Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Call 619-886-1057 for information.

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED?

Jesus is the glory of God the Father. All the saints exist only because of him, and they are a reflection of His glory in their own particular gifts.

The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide with the first Passion Sunday being the fifth Sunday of Lent and the second Passion Sunday being Palm Sunday.

During this time Catholics focus on the passion of the Lord which leads to His glory: his agony in the garden, disrespect by the high priest, condemnation by Pilate, way to the cross, crucifixion and burial.

To focus this thinking on Jesus suffering, the glory of Jesus is covered as are all those saints who reflect His glory.

After we celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum, and the Easter Vigil, we see Jesus in His glory once again, surrounded by all His saints who reflect His glory in their own unique ways given to them by God.



2015 Baptism Schedule

**May 04 Class
May 10 Baptisms
(see ic-sandiego.org for more dates)**

0 SPACES LEFT FOR OUR MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, FRANCE & PORTUGAL:

The Pilgrimage is FULL. We are accepting requests for the waiting list in case of cancellations. Info at parish office or on main page of IC's website: <http://www.ic-sandiego.org>. 'Pilgrimage to Spain, France & Portugal,' 14-days, September 28 to October 11, 2015. Includes visits to Barcelona, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Santiago, Porto, Fatima, Lisbon & more! Only \$3,599 from San Diego (SAN), plus \$680 in airport taxes and \$165 in tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Richard Perozich. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Perozich, or for more information, please contact Fr. Richard Perozich at (619) 295-4141 x11 or send an email to pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

AROUND THE PARISH

Parish Calendar

March

31 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

April

01 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

02 Holy Thursday (No 8 a.m. Mass)
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

03 Good Friday (No 8 a.m. Mass)
Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.
Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ 7:00 p.m.
followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9 p.m.
Parish Office and Serra Gifts Closed

04 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

05 Easter Sunday: Regular Mass Schedule
Serra Gifts closed

06 Easter Monday: Parish Office & Serra Gifts closed
No I.C. Seniors Luncheon

07 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council (members only) 6:00 p.m.

08 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

12 Parish Registration Sunday
Parish Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

13 I.C. Seniors Luncheon Meeting 11:00 a.m.

14 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

15 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

19 COLFS Baby Bottle Drive
Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

21 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

22 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

26 Quarters & Cans Sunday

28 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

29 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer Group

welcomes newcomers to attend and learn the method of Christian contemplative prayer.

Thursday Evening-April 9 7:00-8:30 pm
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall

If the sacrament of the Lord's passion is to work its effect in us, we must imitate what we receive and proclaim to mankind what we revere. The cry of the Lord finds a **hiding place** in us if our lips fail to speak of this, though our hearts believe in it. So that his cry may **not** lie concealed in us it remains for us all, each in his own measure, to make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ. *Gregory the Great*

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

... 8. Just as Christ carried out the work of redemption in poverty and persecution, so the Church is called to follow the same route that it might communicate the fruits of salvation to men. Christ Jesus, "though He was by nature God . . . emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave", and "being rich, became poor" for our sakes. Thus, the Church, although it needs human resources to carry out its mission, is not set up to seek earthly glory, but to proclaim, even by its own example, humility and self-sacrifice. Christ was sent by the Father "to bring good news to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart", "to seek and to save what was lost". Similarly, the Church encompasses with love all who are afflicted with human suffering and in the poor and afflicted sees the image of its poor and suffering Founder. It does all it can to relieve their need and in them it strives to serve Christ. While Christ, holy, innocent and undefiled knew nothing of sin but came to expiate only the sins of the people, the Church, embracing in its bosom sinners, at the same time holy and always in need of being purified, always follows the way of penance and renewal. The Church, "like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God", announcing the cross and death of the Lord until He comes." By the power of the risen Lord it is given strength that it might, in patience and in love, overcome its sorrows and its challenges, both within itself and from without, and that it might reveal to the world, faithfully though darkly, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it will be manifested in full light.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

SHOP IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!

The Gift Shop volunteers act as liaison for Immaculate Conception Church by giving out general information of the area to all visitors.

Whether you want to volunteer once a week, once a month or more, and enjoy meeting people and making new friends...**This is for you!**

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Liz Fielder, Gift Shop Manager at 619.295.4141, ext. 13, or email lfielder@ic-sandiego.org for more information.

Courtesy Announcements

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Immaculata #1854

Card Party at St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hall
Saturday, April 11
11 AM to 3 PM

Call Delphine (619-742-1935) or Donna (760-788-0849) for information

Office for Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap

Mondays in April at Off Shore Tavern, 2253 Morena Blvd., San Diego

April 6--Easter: "How Jesus fulfills the series of your heart!" Andrew Dennis, speaker.
April 13--St. Augustine: "Why everyone can read, know, and love the Theologian St. Augustine." Fr. Mark Menegatti, speaker.
April 20--Relationships: "Vocation to Love!" Peggy & Ralph Skiano, speakers

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below, and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

48 If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read the Gospel we find a clear indication: not so much our friends and wealthy neighbors, but above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, "those who cannot repay you" (Lk 14:14). There can be no room for doubt or for explanations which weaken so clear a message. Today and always, "the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel", and the fact that it is freely preached to them is a sign of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish. We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.

49 Let us go to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ. ... I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat".

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FAITH IN TROUBLING TIMES

—Bill Buley - *The Garden Island*

LIHUE — Before Ravi Zacharias even spoke a single word, the crowd of about 1,000 rose, applauded and gave him a rousing standing ovation.

The main speaker at the 11th annual Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on Saturday did not disappoint.

His 45-minute talk was punctuated by frequent calls of "Amen," "Yes," or "Hallelujah" from the enthusiastic and energetic crowd at the Kilohana Luau Pavilion.

When he was finished, guest Hazel Aki simply smiled and waved her fist. No words were necessary to share how she felt.

"I wish more people would hear him speak," said Sarah Jensen, a Californian who was visiting friends on Kauai. "He says it like it is and let's us know what to watch out for and what we need to do."

Zacharias, an author, radio program host and professor, leads Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. He teaches apologetics and evangelism while traveling more than 200 days a year.

The theme of his message on Saturday was strong and direct: America is drifting farther away from God and needs to change its ways and turn back to Christ. He spoke of the battle between good and evil, of the demise of moral absolutes. He warned that the U.S. is becoming a nation of people who believe more and more that there is no right or wrong, and everyone, no matter their beliefs, is headed to the same place.

"I'm troubled by what I see," he said.

He spoke of a country whose young generation knows little of the Bible and Jesus Christ and whose faith rests on money and material things. There is cultural warfare going on, he said, a battle between dark and light.

"How did we get where we are today?" he asked.

Much of his talk focused on secularism, which has two basic premises: separation of state from religion, and that people of different faiths and beliefs are equal.

Many people have decided they don't need God and live like there is no God, he said. Zacharias, who grew up in India, said he tried to take his own life at age 17. He recovered and found his faith when he began to read and study the Bible.

"If I had lived by secularism's mandates, I would not be here today," he said.

Secularization is powerful and has its dangers, he said, and people need to be aware of them "to withstand the pitfalls."

"When secularization has taken its toll, it will produce a generation of men and women that have lost their sense of shame," he said.

"You show me a man or a woman who lost its sense of shame, and I'll show you a man standing with a sword in his hand about to decapitate another person, his hands held behind his back. No guilt, no shame, no remorse." Zacharias said Christians today face many challenges — one being they are told to believe what they

want about God, but to keep it at home, don't share it in public.

"That which is most sacred for you is told to be kept quiet," he said.

He told of needing a bodyguard when speaking before an Ivy League school because it was a hostile crowd.

"We ought to be able to have intelligent dialogue where we can discuss and talk about our faith and open it up to scrutiny without hostility," he said.

Zacharias said when he speaks, he is not trying to change what a person believes.

"But I believe in a God who changes hearts and I want to tell you what that belief is and take on your toughest questions," he said.

It is his hope, confidence in the Bible and his absolute belief in God that motivates and drives him to travel the globe. Humility and faith are key for Christians in a world that is often not receptive to their belief in Christ, he said.

"I don't know what your thinking is today as you come here," he said. "Maybe you're hostile to the things of God. You may be indifferent. Will you humble yourself before God today?"

Zacharias found hope on Kauai in the many prayers offered up before he took the stage on Saturday. He said he speaks at many events throughout the country and has never heard so much prayer.

"I commend you for living what this is all about," he said.

He urged the audience to put their trust in a living God, and said they should always be prepared to answer questions about their faith with gentleness and respect. He has seen lives changed. He has watched young and old be transformed by God's word. His work is far from finished, he said.

"I want to tell you, **don't leave your home without your faith entrenched strongly in your own heart,**" he said.

Fr. Perozich: Non Catholic Christians have won the faith of many ex Catholics who actually abandon Holy Church for some real truth that is offered them in non catholic Christian ecclesial communities, abandoning even Eucharist and other Sacraments for clear biblical teaching that satisfies the heart. Meanwhile, Catholic bishops are debating the supposed good of same sex relationships and communion for those in adultery publicly in a synod at the Vatican. Other Catholic bishops are following secular leaders who with them are speaking of sexual rights, false equality, opinions on justice, fairness, environment, immigration, and non biblical ideas, even taking out of context biblical teaching to shore up support.

*All of us need to follow Jesus to respect people, reject sin, preach the full gospel of salvation by grace and faith in Jesus. The Holy Bible and the Tradition of the Church are our fonts of revelation, not secular leaders' opinions. Christ present in sacraments and word, in the compassion and mercy of the church, the invitation to the sinner, the lost, the non believer, the downtrodden to the love of Christ for them and a change in their behavior to reflect Jesus who dwells in the believer by baptism. **"don't leave your home without your faith entrenched strongly in your own heart."***