

Theme Sharing

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

We celebrate today the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome because it is the head and mother church of all churches in the world. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world."

We could say that the many times the Basilica suffered destruction of some kind is a symbol of the attacks on the Church and the hatred of some for the Church. The Basilica was attacked by the Vandals twice in 408 and 455. It was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake in 896 and it was destroyed by fire in 1308 and 1360. The Basilica is visited by huge numbers of pilgrims every year also symbolizing the love of so many people for the Church.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral today shows our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him. Not only that, but it shows that we are united with each other in the Church. St. Paul described this unity in the Church in his first letter to the Corinthians as the Body of Christ.

For as with the human body which is a unity although it has many parts – all the parts of the body, though many, still making up one single body – so it is with Christ. We were baptized into one body in a single Spirit, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free men, and we were all given the same Spirit to drink. (1 Cor 12:12-13)...Now Christ's body is yourselves, each of you with a part to play in the whole. (1 Cor 12:27) In our first reading today we heard Ezekiel's vision of a river flowing from the Temple in Jerusalem and bringing life everywhere it went. We could see it as a vision of the Church receiving life-giving grace from Jesus. In the Letter to the Ephesians we read,

You are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. Every structure knit together in him grows into a holy temple in the Lord; and you too in him are being built up into a dwelling-place of God in the Spirit.

In our second reading today we have a similar idea, "You are God's building...the foundation...is Jesus Christ." These passages from Scripture remind us to make

Jesus the foundation stone and corner stone of our lives because there is a life-giving river flowing from him to fill us with his grace. As we celebrate today the dedication of "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" let us pray also for those who have got lost going through life that they find the Church as a true mother to them and that Jesus may become the foundation stone and corner stone of their lives.

by Fr. Tommy Lane

2015 Year Of Consecrated Life

Reflection of Trinitarian life in the Evangelical Counsels

The deepest meaning of the evangelical counsels is revealed when they are viewed in relation to the Holy Trinity, the source of holiness. They are in fact an expression of the love of the Son for the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. By practising the evangelical counsels, the consecrated person lives with particular intensity the Trinitarian and Christological dimension which marks the whole of Christian life.

The chastity of celibates and virgins, as a manifestation of dedication to God with an undivided heart (cf. 1 Cor 7:32-34), is a reflection of the infinite love which links the three Divine Persons in the mysterious depths of the life of the Trinity, the love to which the Incarnate Word bears witness even to the point of giving his life, the love "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5), which evokes a response of total love for God and the brethren.

Poverty proclaims that God is man's only real treasure. When poverty is lived according to the example of Christ who, "though he was rich ... became poor" (2 Cor 8:9), it becomes an expression of that total gift of self which the three Divine Persons make to one another. This gift overflows into creation and is fully revealed in the Incarnation of the Word and in his redemptive death. Obedience, practised in imitation of Christ, whose food was to do the Father's will (cf. Jn 4:34), shows the liberating beauty of a dependence which is not servile but filial, marked by a deep sense of responsibility and animated by mutual trust, which is a reflection in history of the loving harmony between the three Divine Persons. The consecrated life is thus called constantly to deepen the gift of the

evangelical counsels with a love which grows ever more genuine and strong in the Trinitarian dimension: love for Christ, which leads to closeness with him; love for the Holy Spirit, who opens our hearts to his inspiration; love for the Father, the first origin and supreme goal of the consecrated life. The consecrated life thus becomes a confession and a sign of the Trinity, whose mystery is held up to the Church as the model and source of every form of Christian life. Even fraternal life, whereby consecrated persons strive to live in Christ with "one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32), is put forward as an eloquent witness to the Trinity. It proclaims the Father, who desires to make all of humanity one family. It proclaims the Incarnate Son, who gathers the redeemed into unity, pointing the way by his example, his prayer, his words and above all his death, which is the source of reconciliation for a divided and scattered humanity. It proclaims the Holy Spirit as the principle of unity in the Church, wherein he ceaselessly raises up spiritual families and fraternal communities.

Diocese & Other News

COME AND SEE WEEKEND: A priestly vocation discernment weekend will take place at St. Joseph Major Seminary in Edmonton on the weekend of November 21 – 23, 2014 (Beginning Friday evening and ending after the noon lunch on Sunday). Please register by November 14th. For further information and to register please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-245-2753 or mjgaffney@telusplanet.net.

PUBLIC LECTURE BY FATHER KINLEY TSHERING, SJ. (Jesuit Provincial Superior of Darjeeling, India).

He will be giving a talk on, "Social Justice and the Option for the Poor in Darjeeling, India", discussing his experience of working with the poor in the light of the Church's theology. Thursday, November 20th, 2014 at 7pm. At St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall, 221- 18th Ave. SW, Calgary.

Parish Activities

Movie Event - St. Francis of Assisi Musical DVD

With the permission of Koinonia Music, the producing organization, our Parish will be

showing this movie on December 7, 2014 at the Upper Hall. This musical is the enormous achievement led by Fr. Giovanni Giampietro (Yan Po Tak). It was made possible with the participation of a group of volunteers, numbering almost 250, a lot of whom are Hong Kong's well known actors and actresses. The movie is free of charge, and we sincerely welcome our parishioners and their relatives and friends to come. Delicious snacks will also be supplied that day. Tickets for the snacks will be on sale in a few days' time.

Date: Dec 7, 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 2 pm - 5:30pm

Place: Upper Hall of OLPH

Please see the displayed Poster

25th Anniversary Dinner - Matteo

Ricci Council 10119

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2014

Time: 18:30 – 21:00

Venue: Upper Hall, OLPH Church

Main Course: Lobster Tail with Ham

Cost: \$25.00/person

\$45.00/couple

\$80.00/family

All parishioners are most welcome!

Please contact John Luk to reserve your seat(s)

Breakfast Corner

YAG and Youth Group will be hosting a Breakfast Corner on Sunday, November 30 at OLPH Upper Hall after every Mass.

Ticket price: \$5.00 each

Tickets are available at the parish office until November 23.

All Parishioners and friends are welcome.

For more information, please contact John Guo (johnld.guo@gmail.com).

Youth Night November 15th, 2014

Youth Night will be held on Saturday November 15th, 2014 from 6pm -10pm at Upper Hall. Complimentary dinner will begin at 6pm and a spiritual talk from the Seeds of the Word nuns will follow at 7pm. Afterwards, we will be going to Mountain View Bowling; the fee will be \$10 per youth and \$16 per adult. All youths, young adults and families are encouraged to attend this event. Please contact Jenny for more information

2015 Calendar

2015 Parish Calendars are available now. Parishioners can pick them up at church entrances.

2015 Donation Envelopes

2015 Donation Envelopes are available for parishioners to pick up at the Church main entrance .

For any concerns, please contact parish office (403-265-7926).

Together in Action 2014

".....Faith Working Through Love."

(Galatians 5:6)

Our parish's portion is \$24,300. As of September 9, our campaign has received a total of \$28,680.

Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances.

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri Nov 12, 14

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Wed Nov 12

St. Angela School Remembrance

Day Mass

Time: 9:00a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Fri Nov 14

OLPH Scout

Time: 6:30pm.-8:30 pm

Place: Upper Hall & Lower Hall

Sat Nov 15

Legion of Mary (meeting)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Wing Kei Care Centre (Mass)

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12.00 noon

Place: 1212 Centre Street, NE.

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Yoga Class

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Youth Night

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall
& Mountain View Bowling

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 6:00 p.m-8:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Lower Hall

Sun Nov 16

R. C.I.A.

Adult Catechumenate Class

(Cantonese, Mandarin and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: Office Building

Youth Choir- choir practice

Time: 11:00a.m.-12:30p.m

Place: Office Building

Stories Faith Sharing

The Thief

There was one great master, a Buddhist master, Nagarjuna. A thief came to him. The thief had fallen in love with the master because he had never seen such a beautiful person, such infinite grace. The thief asked Nagarjuna, "Is there some possibility of my growth also? But one thing I must make clear to you: I am a thief. And another thing: I cannot leave it, so please don't make it a condition. I will do whatsoever you say, but I cannot stop being a thief. That I have tried many times--it never works, so I have left the whole sport. I have accepted my destiny, that I am going to be a thief and remain a thief, so don't talk about it. From the very beginning let it be clear." Nagarjuna said, "Why are you afraid? Who is going to talk about your being a thief?" The thief said, "But whenever I go to a monk, to a religious priest, or to a religious saint, they always say, 'First stop stealing.'" Nagarjuna laughed and said, "Then you must have gone to thieves; otherwise, why? Why should they be concerned? I am not concerned!" The thief was very happy. He said, "Then it is okay. It seems that now I can become a disciple. You are the right master." Nagarjuna accepted him and said, "Now you can go and do whatsoever you like. Only one condition has to be followed: be aware! Go, break into houses, enter, take things, steal; do whatsoever you like, that is of no concern to me, I am not a thief--but do it with full awareness." The thief couldn't understand that he was falling into the trap. He said, "Then everything is okay. I will try." After three weeks he came back and said, "You are tricky--because if I become aware, I cannot steal. If I steal, awareness disappears. I am in a fix." Nagarjuna said, "No more talk about your being a thief and stealing. I am not concerned; I am not a thief. Now, you decide! If you want awareness, then you decide. If you don't want it, then too you decide." The man said, "But now it is

difficult. I have tasted it a little, and it is so beautiful—I will leave anything, whatsoever you say. Just the other night for the first time I was able to enter the palace of the king. I opened the treasure. I could have become the richest man in the world—but you were following me and I had to be aware. When I became aware, diamonds looked just like stones, ordinary stones. When I lost awareness, the treasure was there. And I waited and did this many times. I would become aware and I became like a buddha, and I could not even touch it because the whole thing looked foolish, stupid—just stones, what am I doing? Losing myself over stones? But then I would lose awareness; they would become again beautiful, the whole illusion. But finally I decided that they were not worth it."

Read More Know More

Giving to Finance Church Work

Like most other organizations, churches need financial income to accomplish their work.

We Are Responsible to Share in Church Work

We should want to give so we can support the work the church does.

Philippians 4:14-18 - The church at Philippi gave to support Paul. This constituted "fellowship" (sharing) in his work of preaching. Likewise today local churches need money so teachers can teach in assemblies and classes, gospel meetings, radio and TV, literature, etc. Acts 4:32-35 - Local churches also cared for needy members - they shared their possessions. (See also 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8,9; Acts 11:27-30.)

To the extent we are able, we should share in the church's work. If members fulfill their responsibility to share, the church can do its work without such methods. But let us remember that the more we can give, the more the church can accomplish.

Are you fulfilling your responsibility to share in the church's work?

We Will Be Judged for Our Giving

Since God owns everything, He has the right to call us to account, and He has appointed a day in which we will all be judged. When you stand before Jesus, will you be ashamed for the amount you gave to support the church? Or are you truly a faithful steward who will be rewarded at that judgment?

Attendance & Giving

Many church members fail to give as

generous as they should, because they miss worship meetings, then do not "make up" later for what they failed to give when they missed. This is just one of many problems involved in missing.

For example, suppose you prosper such that you ought to give \$50 per week. If you miss a Sunday then just keep the \$50 you should have given, you have disobeyed God's command to give to the best of your ability. You prospered, but you did not give accordingly. In effect, you just stole \$50 from God (cf. Mal. 3:8-10)! Think about it. Do you give to the church regularly?

主日分享

拉特朗大殿奉獻慶日

十一月九日，我們慶祝拉特朗大殿奉獻慶日。拉特朗大殿的歷史可以追溯到三一一年，第一位受洗成爲基督徒的羅馬皇帝君士坦丁大帝，他將原址以及蓋在上面的宮殿全部捐給了教宗。改建並奉獻後的拉特朗大殿，成爲基督王國內的第一座聖堂。它是羅馬的主教座堂，名列羅馬四座「特級大殿」之首，擁有「普世母堂」的銜號，意即所有在世上旅途教會信友們的母堂。拉特朗大殿從一開始就被奉獻於至聖救主基督，後來，聖洗者若翰和聖史若望被追封爲共同主保。安提約基雅的聖依納爵在一封致羅馬人的信中會寫道：由伯多祿之座代表的聖座，在各地的基督徒團體裡，象徵著團結一致和「愛德中的首席地位」。從十二世紀起，拉特朗大殿的奉獻日，因著其「普世母堂」的崇高地位，成爲普世教會共同的慶日。大殿的獨有稱號，「至聖的拉特朗大殿，全羅馬及普世所有聖堂的母親及根基」，也被銘刻在正門上。在今天的福音裡，耶穌去了當時還在建造中的聖殿；並且借題發揮、意有所指地講到新聖殿，即祂的身體。那些當時在場的人提醒祂說：聖殿已經造了四十六年，而且尚未完工。怎麼可能在三天之內，就把它重建起來呢？

耶穌宣告說：「你們拆毀這座聖殿，三天之內，我要把它重建起來。」就是這句話，後來變成祂被嘲弄、審判時的罪證。耶穌指的究竟是哪個聖殿

呢？祂其實在講兩個不同的聖殿，祂先預言位於耶路撒冷的聖殿建築將被毀滅，接著預言祂的聖死與新聖殿——祂的聖體——的復活。

我們是天主的殿宇，耶穌是根基，聖神居住在我們內。但是如果我們不採用取自天主的石塊和水泥砂石，在這基礎上建築自己的生活，我們的信仰就會開裂、鬆動、甚至坍塌。我們人在耶穌之上建構殿宇，就需要彼此信靠，並把聖神的恩賜贈與彼此。只要我們效法耶穌，爲鄰人服務，我們就是用來自天主的磚瓦、木樑、水泥砂石，建造永不倒塌的生活。

雖然拉特朗大殿既位尊、又宏偉，但是它就像歷史中的教會縮影一樣，歷經滄桑沈浮，多次遭遇火災、地震、戰爭、蠻族破壞、甚至曾經住過不稱職的教宗。大殿一次又一次地被悉心修復重建，屹立如初。拉特朗大殿是我們所屬教會的初石，它超越本身的建築，栩栩如生地提醒著我們愛、團結、和永恆的真諦。

2015 獻身生活年

福音勸諭中聖三生活的反省

從與聖三、聖德之源相關聯這觀點來看福音勸諭，其最深的意義便昭然若揭了。其實他們就是在表明子愛父，並與聖神聯合。獻身者藉著奉行福音勸諭，以特有的強度活出整個基督徒生活所特有的聖三論和基督論的幅度。

獨身之貞潔，顯示以不貳之心自獻於上主（參格前七 32—34），這是在聖三生活的奧秘深度中聯合三位無限愛情的反映；降世之聖言以不惜犧牲生命來作証此愛；這愛「藉著聖神傾注在我們心中」（羅五 5），激發人心還愛於天主及衆人。

貧窮則宣報天主是人的唯一至寶。若以基督的榜樣，祂「原有富有的…卻成了貧困的」（格後八 9）而度貧窮的生活，則貧窮變成了在表達聖三之間相互徹底的自我給與。這個給與傾流到受造物身上，並在聖言降世及其救援性的死亡中全然揭露。

服從乃是實踐效法基督的榜樣，以父的旨意爲食糧（參若四 34），顯示出

一種依恃的自由之美，一種非奴僕性的，而是子女般的依恃，帶有深度責任感，也為相互的信任所激勵。這是聖三之間仁愛和諧的反映。

獻身生活因此蒙召不斷地以愛加深福音勸諭中的恩賜，此愛在聖三論的幅度上日趨真誠有力：愛基督而與之更親近；愛聖神，祂開啓人心接應他的感召；愛聖父，獻身生活的起源與最終目標。獻身生活因此變成聖三的表白和標記，教會視此奧跡為任何一種基督徒生活形式的模範和泉源。

獻身生活中，彼此努力「一心一意」（宗四 32）在基督內度手足情誼的生活；這一點同樣為聖三作有力的見證。它宣報父，有意使全人類成一大家庭；宣報降世之子聚集得救者為一體，以自己的榜樣、祈禱、言語，尤其是死亡，為眾人鋪了一條道路，祂的死亡是分裂四散的人類和好之源；宣報聖神、教會合一的原動力，祂持續不斷地在教會內興起靈性家庭和具手足情誼的團體。

堂區活動

電影會- 音樂劇 [流芳濟世]

本堂區承蒙 [流芳濟世] 的主辦機構 [共融音樂] 特準於 12 月 7 日下午 2 時在上禮堂播影。

該音樂劇是由恩保德神父呼召 250 位義工，其中包括許多香港著名藝人在主的帶領下完成的一項壯舉。我們歡迎教友及其親朋免費入座。當日亦有精美小食供應。

小食卷將於日內推出發售。

日期：十二月七日(星期日)

時間：下午二時至五時三十分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

請看在聖堂張貼的海報

利瑪竇騎士會廿五週年晚宴

日期：十一月廿二日(星期六)

時間：晚上六時三十分

地點：上禮堂

主菜：龍蝦 + 火腿

費用：\$25.00 (個人) \$45.00 (夫婦)

\$80.00 (家庭) 歡迎堂區親友參加！

請聯絡陸先生留座。

青年晚會

將於 11 月 15 日(星期六) 6 時至 10 時舉行。6 時於上禮堂開始晚餐，7 時是靈修講座。講座後往 Mountain View Bowl 打保齡。青年人入場費是 10 元，成年人入場費是 16 元。歡迎堂區所有青年及兄姊妹參加。

早餐交流會

青年團聯同青少年團將於十一月三十日(星期日) 合力籌辦早餐交流會。

時間：於當日各彌撒後

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

費用：每位 5 元

請於即日起至十一月廿三日，到堂區辦事處購票。

歡迎所有會友及朋友光臨。

詳情請與 John Guo

(johnld.guo@gmail.com) 聯絡。

2015 年奉獻信封

2015 年奉獻信封開始分發，請捐獻信封用戶，到教堂正門入口處領取。如有任何疑問，請與堂區辦事處聯絡 (403-265-7926)

2015 年月曆

本堂 2015 年月曆開始派發，教友可於教堂入口處索取。

2014 教區公益金

「讓我們一起來行動」

主題：「...以愛德行事的信德。」 迦拉達書：第五章六節

今年本堂的配額為 \$24,300。懇請各位教友繼續支持，合力幫助本土社區及國外成千上萬的勞苦大眾。

截至 9 月 9 日，捐款已累積至 28,680 元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處索取。就讓我們立即行動，慷慨解囊！

活動一週

星期三、五 11 月 12, 14 日

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午 9 時至正午 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期三 11 月 12 日

St. Angela School 榮軍紀念日彌撒

時間：上午 9 時

地點：永援聖母堂

星期五 11 月 14 日

永援聖母堂童軍

時間：晚上 6 時 30 分至 8 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂及下禮堂

星期六 11 月 15 日

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：早上 9 時 45 分(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

榮基護老中心 (彌撒)

時間：上午 11 時至正午 12 時

地點：1212 Centre Street, NE.

楊式太極班

時間：上午 10 時至 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

瑜珈初班

時間：下午 2 時至下午 3 時 15 分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

青年晚會

時間：晚上 6 時至晚上 10 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

Mountain View Bowl 打保齡

永援聖母大專青年團練習聖詩

時間：晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期日 11 月 16 日

成人慕道班 (粵語及英語)

時間上午 9 時 30 分至 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間：上午 10 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：寫字樓大廈

青少年聖詠團-練習聖詩

時間上午 11 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：寫字樓大廈

聖言的力量

誰才能進天國

不是凡向我說「主啊！主啊！」的人就能進入天國；而是那承行我在天之父旨意的人才能進天國。(瑪七 21) 到那一天，有許多人要向我說：「主啊！主啊！我們不是因你的名字說過預言，因你的名字驅過魔鬼，因你的名字行過許多奇蹟嗎？」

那時我必要向他們聲明說：我從來不認識你們；你們這些作惡的人，離開我吧！(瑪七 21~23)

靈修小故事

病人的呼籲

菲籍的康神父在聽完一天的告解之後，身心俱疲，斜靠在舒適的大沙發上，正想點根雪茄紓解疲乏。突然，他清晰地聽到有個聲音在呼叫他：去達尼布雅村！一位垂死的人希望最後能接受傅油與領臨終聖體。康神父四處張望卻看不見人影，但他知道這不是作夢。於是背上終傅包，並找來傳教先生立刻出發。

他們穿過了丘陵，丘陵背後就是達尼布雅村。這時整個村莊寂靜無聲，大家都在睡夢中。康神父喊醒村長，村長說根本不知道村中有垂死的病人。康神父只好折返教堂。他才剛要入睡，耳邊又響起那呼叫聲。他不敢偷懶，只好起身前往。被康神父再度吵醒的村長有些氣憤，他確信村裡確實無垂死的病人，於是康神父只好逐戶敲門問訊。敲了廿多戶人家，換來連連的抱怨，神父只好敗興而返。他想：這也許是自己的幻覺，也可能是受到魔鬼的玩弄。

是誰在受他？算了，睡大覺好了！他剛倒頭睡下，朦朧中，聲音又清晰地出現，而且還語帶斥責。康神父即使心中有一百個不滿，但職責所在仍不敢怠忽。出發前他向護守天神默禱，祈求協助。這時，夜涼如水，銀白的月色把整個大地襯托得十分美麗。他倆經過池塘、水澤、農田、穀地，終於聽到了細微的聲音，他們循聲尋找，不久後，在一間孤立小屋內找到了一位彌留的老人。

老人看到神父，似乎忘卻了彌留的痛苦，他吃力但充滿喜悅地說：「我相信你們一定會來的！五十年了，每天早、晚我總不忘向護守天神祈求，在臨終時能有神父幫我忙」。在領終傅後，他終於平安地揮別人間。

知多一點點

教友該量力捐助教會經費

教會需要什麼經費？

教會有許多事業需要經費，比如：

一、為供教友恭敬光榮天主，需要建造聖堂、裝飾聖堂、購置各種祭器、祭衣、祭台布、面餅、蠟燭等經費。

二、傳教事業：需要建立修院、培育修生、僱用傳教人員、購買傳教書籍、聖像、聖牌、念珠、苦像等費用。

三、教育事業：建造、維護天主教學校之經費。

四、社會慈善事業：醫院、安老院、育幼院、孤兒院、殘障院之建造及維持經費。

五、為傳教牧靈之神父、修士、修女之生活費用。

教會的經費從哪裡來？

教會不經商、也不經營任何生產事業，所以沒有任何收入。關於教會經費的來源，在歐美天主教發達的國家，教會事業的經費，完全由教友們來捐獻支援。在亞、非和南美新開辟的傳教區，或因沒有教友、或因教友太少，或因當地經濟貧困，傳教經費則由歐美天主教發達地區的教友們來捐獻支援，並由羅馬教廷傳信部統一分配，直到新開地區的教務傳開，教友漸多，由當地教友捐助當地教會經費，直至達到能自給自足為止。教會稱之為自養政策。我們中國仍屬於教廷傳信部之傳教區，但因中國主教、神父、修女和教友日漸增加，現在我們正努力訓練教友向這條路上走，而且也頗有進步。希望不久的將來，能達到自給自足的地步。現在台灣經濟繁榮，大家生活富裕，我們中國教友確實該負起中國教會自養責任，不該再依賴外國教友的濟助。

教友捐助教會經費應捐助多少？

教會沒有硬性規定，交由各地教會負責人斟酌當地教友經濟狀況辦理。不過大家所持的共同原則，則為：請教友量力捐獻，經濟狀況較好的，就多捐一些；經濟狀況較差的，就少捐一些；經濟狀況太差的，就不要捐獻。事實告訴我們，世界各國的教友都知量力捐獻，因為他們知道，教會興辦一切事業，都是為加強教友們的信仰生活，引導教外人獲得天主教信仰，大家共同光榮天主、獲得基督的救恩；他們的捐獻是很有價值的，且會蒙受天主的賞報。