

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

For certain members of the Church, there is an obligation to make a Profession of Faith (Apostles Creed) or an Oath of Fidelity before taking on a role as teacher in the Church.

Here are some of the additional promises that bishops and other teachers must recite:

“With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in God’s word, written or handed down in tradition, and proposed by the Church, whether by way of solemn judgment or through the ordinary, universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.”

“I also firmly accept and hold each and everything that is proposed definitively by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.”

“Moreover I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium, even if they proclaim those teachings by an act that is not definitive.”

Many people are required to make the Profession with these added lines for the good of the Church as they take an office. For example, bishops, deacons, priests, pastors, teachers in Catholic faculties...

It is too bad that not all Catholics in positions of authority have to make such a profession, especially when “Catholics” in positions of civil authority attempt to teach the Church and Catholics in general what they should believe and how they should interpret Church teachings.

Some people, even if they are governors or legislators, could never recite such words with honesty any longer. Some people obviously think too highly of themselves to submit their will and intellect to anyone but themselves. Some people forget that faith and morals go together in Catholic teaching.

It is dangerous when anyone thinks they are more competent than the Church to speak definitively on faith and morals. It is dangerous for every person when civil authorities think they are the ultimate arbiters of faith and morals, just because they were altar servers when they were young.

It is dangerous for children in the womb and the frail elderly and everyone in between, because such people can “play God” with deadly consequences. They have done so here in NY State.

May the True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, show all of us His power and His way, and may He restore life giving authority to His Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name.