



Essential Evangelization

The High Cost of Faith

In today's gospel we hear Jesus prophesize on the high cost of being a Christian in the end times. Many think that day is coming sooner rather than later, but Jesus also cautions us on making predictions on the exact day and hour. The truth is that there was a time, and there will be a time in the future, where being a Christian could literally cost you your life. In last week's reading from the Old Testament we did hear of such a case where seven brothers went to their death proclaiming their faith in God. And in the future, with the rapid growth of other world religions, being a Christian could well likely mean being in the statistical minority. In the news today we already can see the start of a "clash of civilizations" in the world. And today in some countries it is hard to imagine that there is the potential death risk for being a Christian. Some believe that the end of days will include a fierce clash of religions. If it came down to a life or death decision for us would we stand for Christ? Would we die for Him who died for us that we may live? Thankfully we will likely never have to make that choice in our lifetime!

Thankfully also in today's day and age in the great United States of America, we can live our faith freely and without the fear of persecution as a protected right of our great democratic republic. This past week, we remembered our Veterans who paid great sacrifices for our freedom and that protection, where "all gave some" and "some gave all". For our country's heritage, and as "one nation under God," we can be truly thankful! This day in America, we should have no fear to evangelize our world!!! With the coming holidays, what greater gift is there than to relay the gift of eternal life by introducing someone to the Way, the Truth and the Life? You have nothing to lose.

"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21: 17-19

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