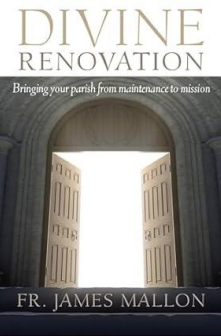


Week 3 ANGST

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:40–50 (Finding of Jesus in the Temple)



DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING: Chapter 4: Clearing Out the Junk, What We Need to Jettison if We Are Going to Rebuild (p. 59–86)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Today, Pelagianism (discussed in Chapter Four starting on page 62) can be defined in two ways: a “Catholic who sees Christian life as a kind of scorecard for salvation” or a “Catholic who bases his or her understanding of grace and salvation not on Scripture or the teaching of the Church, but on his or her sense of absolute autonomy and fundamental niceness.” (p. 70–71)
- “It is the kerygma that opens hearts; it is the kerygma of the Good News of salvation that needs to be articulated clearly for people to hear and understand.” (p. 71)
- “Clericalism is ultimately a suppression of baptismal identity,” bestowing on only the ordained or professional lay ministers the call to holiness, mission, witnessing, evangelizing, and maturing in faith, which is the responsibility of all the baptized. (p. 73–74)
- The goal of the ministry team, lay and ordained, is “to call forth and equip others to do the work of ministry so that the Church may be built up.” (p. 83)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Did the explanations of Pelagianism and Jansenism make sense to you? Where have you seen the residual impact of these false teachings within the Catholic Church?
- How do the false teachings of Pelagianism and Jansenism get in the way of the proclamation of the Good News in your parish and ministries?
- Where have you seen the impact of clericalism within the Catholic Church?
- How would you describe the relationship between the clergy, religious, and the laity in your parish?
- How have complacency, passivity, and inactivity affected your parish and your ministries?
- Why is it important for us to empower the laity to live their baptismal call?

Please join us for any of our small groups (below). You may attend a different one each week as your schedule permits. Free books available at parish offices. Please e-mail parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com to submit your thoughts on this chapter if you can't attend a group.

Sundays

11:00am
St. Malachi
Hall

Mondays

10:00am
St. Malachi
Meeting Room

Tuesdays

6:00pm
Via ZOOM

Wednesdays

6:10pm
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
Conf. Room

Saturdays

8:30am
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
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