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St. Augustine

Dear Friend of Holy Family Radio:

Do we really have free will? Does God change? Thoughts like these come to mind when we contemplate the life of St. Augustine, and frankly, when we watch our city and nation practically self-destruct.


He lived in the Roman Empire, with decadence all around, in much of which he participated for a time, but he came to realize that, in the words of The Preacher, "All is vanity." (Eccles.) We were not made solely to "fill the earth and subdue it." (Gen. 1:28). We were made to, "know, love and serve God in this life and be happy with Him forever in the next." How can we do this in a society filled with rage, ignorance, lies and inflamed passions, where decent people are afraid to even go outside? Secular education has consequences.

Was it Hippocrates who said, "First do not harm?" As Catholics, the one thing we don't want to do is feed into the lies and passions. The first defense of goodness is truth. You cannot build a good society on a foundation of false narratives. Placating the passionate doesn't work. You can't just let those with a distorted worldview continue to cling to a destructive narrative. We must tell people the truth. Yes, blacks get more police attention than whites per capita, but not necessarily statistically disproportionately. LMPD officers are overwhelmingly not racist in their behavior and it is unjust to let a few revolutionaries convince people otherwise. Worse still, it is gravely evil that Church personnel actually join in Marxist revolutionaries' organizations making such false claims. You should know that the warrant for Breonna Taylor was not a "no-knock" warrant and that LMPD officers knocked and announced themselves. While we can all pray and work for a less violent procedure for serving warrants, the false claim of racism is not the foundation upon which change can be built. Sadly, governments weakened by loss of moral uprightness don't often last.

What can we do in a world spinning out of control? First and foremost, we can pray. We can pray that reason prevail in all discussions. We can pray that people will learn some self-control. We can pray that the truth will be established in the public square. We can also do more. We can accept the pain of so many deaths and so many crimes among blacks in our city. We can seek to console, comfort and assist those who are hurting from violence and lies. We can work to overcome racism by ceasing to identify people as "Black Catholics" or "White Catholics" and by getting rid of the people in our Church hierarchy and Catholic media who engage in this version of racism, who engage in promoting the evils of racism, Marxism, socialism and all such false ideas, including those who claim that racism exists where it does not.

The virtuous seek beauty, truth and goodness. The evil seek power. That was Lucifer's big gig. We need to clean our own house and show real charity, not socialism and cowardice toward our neighbors. Doing less is no way to honor a just God. Let us not be afraid to speak the truth in the public square!

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