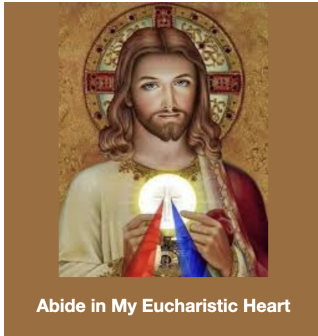




The Call to Holiness: Love the Poor

Fr. Dan Leary

When you look at the Crucifix,
you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host,
you understand how much He loves you now.
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.



1. How do you feel about Fr. Dan's statements:

- How much we give to the poor should outweigh what we give to our loved ones.
- When we feel uncomfortable about the poor, we sometimes resort to shopping and being self-consumed because we do not want to face the suffering all around us.

2.. We often think of "the poor" as a collective noun. Fr. Dan shared that Mother Teresa saw the poor as one person, and it was Jesus Christ. He leveraged this perspective to challenge us to help the poor and offered some practical ways to do so.

- How can Mother Teresa's perspective shift the way we view the poor and our responsibility towards time?
- Was there a particular suggestion that you would like to put into action? Discuss.

3. Fr. Dan said that while we may be involved in providing corporal works of mercy, few have a relationship with the poor.

- Why do you think this is?
- What are some ways we can develop a relationship with the poor?

4. Fr. Dan said that we do not know our own poverty. Yet Christ loves our poverty, but He doesn't love our blessings.

- How can we come to know our own poverty, and give it to God for healing?
- How can we shed our "entitlement" attitude?