

Reflection Tuesday 3rd Week Lent 2024

Maybe if we had listened to Moses with our hearts not just our minds, we would have understood very clearly that the Law he was proposing and what God wanted for us was LIFE! Isn't this why Jesus came to fulfil the Law, that we may have life, life to the full?

Yet many use the Law so as not to take responsibility for their actions. Many proponents of the Law keep the Law and fail in its intention to bring life. They do not own their decisions.

Every society or group needs a clear, well-defined structure and rules for procedure that need to be respected. The Rules of the road are the best example of this. If we flout them, someone will eventually end up dead. Those with a sense of responsibility and who value and honour life do so out of respect for others and not wanting them to be hurt – not just to keep the rules.

Using fear as a tool for keeping the Law, which has been fundamental in so many systems for centuries and still is in many cases, is doomed to failure. Not taking responsibility for our actions, we fail in any desire we might have to bring life to those we serve or love or wish to help. Only in taking responsibility for our decisions will we ever seek forgiveness for any wrongs we have caused by the wrong decisions we have made.