

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Transfiguration Sunday - March 2, 2025
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Our people who ask me, bakit yung bishop pag nagmisa, suot-tanggal, suot-tanggal yung sombrero niya?

Okay? Hindi rin ba kayo nagtatakan yan?

Minsan tinatangal, mamaya ikakabit na naman, mamaya tatanggalin naman.

You see, when the bishop celebrates the Eucharist, the Mass, with you, the bishop has two roles. Dalawa yung role ng bishop.

When the bishop, number one, he represents God to the people.

So every time the bishop would bless, okay, he's representing God.

In behalf of God, he would bless the people. Okay?

But the bishop is also sometimes a representative of the people.

So when the bishop faces the altar and speaks to God, pag kinakausap ng bishop yung Diyos,

when he is praying, then he is standing with the people.

He is one with the people. So tinatangal muna yung kanyang miter.

Now he is with us, among the people praying to God.

And so every time the bishop would bless, he blesses in behalf of God, then he wears his maiter.

This is a symbol of his authority which God bestowed upon him. Okay?

So now, mag-homily ako, bakit suot mo parin yan, bishop?

Because I've realized that every time the bishop gives a homily, he is blessing the people. Amen?

Kaya makikinig kayo sa pag-homily ng bishop

because this is the time also that the bishop would give his blessing to you in the form of the Word. Okay? In the homily.

So I wear my maiter when I do the homily. Okay?

So that you would know. And we have to listen carefully.

In the other churches, today is the eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Next Sunday, magkakaroon tayo ng break from Ordinary Time.

We will enter the season of Lent. Ilang Sundays yan.

Then we enter the season of Easter.

Pagkatapos ang Easter, balik tayo ulit sa Ordinary Time.

Pagbalik natin, that will be the ninth Sunday.

Bakit ninth na? Kasi continuation lang yan ng Ordinary Time ngayon.

But there is something unique about the CEC

because today is not just the eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

For us, this is also what we call the Transfiguration Sunday.

Kaya nakaputi yung mga pari natin lahat. No?

We are celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord today.

And we know the story of the Transfiguration

When the apostles was brought to the top of the mountain

kasama nila si Jesus and Jesus was there praying.

Anong ginagawa nila?

Habang nagdadasal ang Diyos.

Natutulog sila.

Pero ang Diyos hindi natutulog.

Kaya huwag niyo nang tanungin, natutulog ba ang Diyos?

Hindi po.

Okay?

So while Christ was praying, they were there sleeping

and we know the story

that somewhere in the night

when they awoke, iba nang itura ni Jesus.

Yung kasama nilang Jesus suddenly transformed.

Sabi niya His face was shining brilliantly more than the sun.

Have you ever seen the sun? Pag umilaw yung araw

and you go under the sun and you look at the sun.

Hindi mo kaya tingnan yung araw. Diba?

Sakit sa mata.

Christ was shining more brilliantly than the sun.

And His clothes were changed, transfigured.

It was so white.

Sabi nila so bright like lightning yung kulay ng damit niya.
And they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Him.
Kaya maraming nagtatanong, bakit kilala nila?
Why do they know them?
Remember Elijah and Moses, matagal na silang wala sa mundo.
But when the apostles saw them, kilala ka agad nila.
I do not know bakit kilala ka agad nila.
Well anyway, when they were there, they saw Jesus transform
and they were so afraid. Natakot sila nung nakita nila yan.
Etong Jesus na kasama nila araw-araw,
everyday kasama nilang kumain, kasama nilang naglalakbay,
then suddenly He changed. He was transfigured.
And I believe that the transfiguration
is just God's way of showing us what will we become.
Sabi nga ng isang theologian, sabi niya,
As Jesus is, so are we.
Not in the future, but we are now as Jesus is.
We are as Jesus, but not yet.
We are, but not yet.
Pinapakita lang ni Lord.
Pinapakita ng Diyos that as we continue to follow and walk with Him,
this is where we are going.
We will be transformed to the image and likeness of Christ.
Amen?
Now, minsan iniisip natin,
Oh, iilaw rin pala tayo.
One of these days, we will also shine brilliantly.
Yeah, I believe that.
I believe that.
That as Jesus shines as the light of the world,
we will also shine with Him.
Kasi sabi niya, you are now the light of the world.
I believe in the Shekinah glory of God.
But more than the light, more than that,
we will also shine with the radiance of God's character in us.
Amen?
Our lives will shine because the love that is in us is the love of God.
Mas lalong lalabas yung pag-ibig na yan.
Last Sunday, we talked about loving your enemies.
Do you remember the Gospel last Sunday?
Sabi ni Jesus, love your enemies.
Because if you just love your friend,
if you only love the people who loves you,
then sabi niya, ordinaryo yan.
Even sinners do that.
But when you begin to love your enemies,
that is not an ordinary kind of love.
That is the kind of love that God is.
Amen?
Remember, God is love.
He does not have love.
He is love.
Yun ang pag-ibig natin.
It's already there.
It has been shed abroad in our hearts.
The love of God is already within us.
Amen?
And we need to shine with that love.
That love should be manifested.
That love should show in our lives.
And that happens when we constantly follow Christ.
We constantly look to Him.
Sabi nga ng second reading natin,
we, with unveiled faces,

contemplate on Christ,
are being transformed to the image and likeness of God.
We, with unveiled faces,
we contemplate, we behold,
and we constantly look at Christ.
Sabi niya, our lives are transformed.
I know people who are very selfish before.
May mga kilala akong tao na very selfish.
Iniisip nila yung sarili lang nila.
But when they encountered the Lord,
and they started to focus their mind,
their hearts, their lives on the Lord,
they changed.
Nagbagong buhay nila.
You know?
They now look to the other.
Not to themselves anymore,
but to the other.
Because that is what love is.
Willing the good of the other person.
Love means that you order your life.
Inaayos mo yung buhay mo.
Not for your own good.
You order your life for the good of the other.
That is what love is.
Now, I don't care.
May maraming mga Krisyano na sinasabi nila.
Memorize na nila yung Bible.
Mahaba sila pag nag-pray.
I don't care.
If you have not love as Jesus loved,
you are nothing.
Amen?
The basis of spiritual maturity
is our love.
Not our skills.
Not our talent.
Hindi yan.
Pat yung pag-ibig natin.
That happens only
as we begin to spend time with God,
looking to Christ.
Nakatingin tayo sa Diyos.
Spending time with Him.
The apostles, they were there
when they saw Jesus.
Another instance na nangyari ito,
parallel to the Gospel today,
is the Old Testament reading we have.
Remember when God called Moses
to come up Mount Sinai.
Pinaakyat siya ng Diyos.
Hindi niya sinabi sa Diyos,
Lord, nag-uusap naman tayo.
Dito na lang tayo mag-usap.
Bakit akyat pa ako sa bundok?
When God calls you,
He brings you to a place.
Minsan yan ang ayaw natin
pag tinawag tayo ng Diyos
because we don't want God
to bring us to a certain place.
Why?
Because we want to be comfortable

with our life.
Yan ang gusto natin.
Happy na ako sa negosyo ko.
Happy na ako sa kita ko.
Happy na ako sa sahod ko.
And we don't want God
to change anything.
But when He calls us,
He brings us to a different place
because He would change our life.
Minsan hindi tayo nagbabago
dahil hindi tayo umaalis.
Ayaw natin umalis
sa mga comfort zones natin.
That's the reason why.
Na-memorize mo na lang yung Bible mo
pero hindi ka nagbago.
Amen?
Because we are not willing
to move with God.
And so God called Moses,
sabi niya,
Moses, you come up here.
Now, going up the mountain
sa edad niya,
it's so difficult.
Mahirap.
But Moses went up Mount Sinai.
Umakyat talaga siya.
It was dangerous for him
to climb the mountain.
Yes, he took the risk.
It was tiresome for him.
Nakakapagod ang umakyat doon.
Yeah, but it's okay.
Aantahin ka naman ng Diyos.
If you set your life,
you set your mind
to that course
where God is calling you,
God will wait for you.
Amen?
Tama yung direksyon ng buhay mo.
Aantahin ka niya.
Pero pag binaliktad mong direksyon
ng buhay mo,
saan-saan ka,
sinisiingkat-ingad to,
ay wala.
Darating ang panahon,
maiiwan ka.
But if you set your mind
to go where God is calling you,
like Moses,
he went up there.
Natay siya ng Diyos.
Remember, at this time,
Moses is not a young person.
He's an old man already.
Matanda na siya.
And minsan iniisip natin
pag matanda na tayo,
tapos na ang Diyos sa atin.
No, God is not finished with us yet.

There is an upward call
that comes from God.
Itong sinasabi ni St. Paul,
I do not look back.
I do not consider myself
to have attained it.
I am not sitting pretty anymore.
I am not staying in my comfort zone.
Sabi niya,
I press toward the goal.
What is that goal?
The upward call of God for you.
Minsan, we will go through
difficulties in life.
Minsan, we just give up.
Lord, ayoko nang magpatuloy.
Malisod with our Lord.
Kabuhi, makaroon hay matsa,
hindi unakong magdireksyo.
And we start to give up
just at that time
you are very close
to where God wants you to be,
you give up.
That's why we don't give up.
Though it may be difficult for us.
You know, there was a time in my life
I was serving God.
And all my prayers,
lahat ng pinapanalangin ko sa Diyos,
hindi ko nakikita.
It seems to me that God has forgotten me.
It seems to me
that God does not listen to me anymore.
Because all the prayers,
all the requests I made to God
was never answered.
Amen?
Buti sana kung one month lang.
Buti sana kung ilang buwan lang.
Taon!
Hindi ko nakikita
yung hinihingi ko sa Diyos.
But I had a very wise bishop.
A very wise mentor
who told me,
never give up.
And so I continued on.
All the difficulties,
every difficult problem,
I faced them
and I just went on and on
looking to Jesus only.
Wala na akong makitang magandang sirkumstansya.
Hindi na ako nakatingin sa sirkumstansya.
Wala na.
And I just kept on looking at the Lord
until the day,
until the day I experienced
a breakthrough.
Now,
I'm beginning to see
many of those dreams
now they're coming to pass.

One of that
is the building of the church
in San Jose Antique.
I've been praying
for our own land and building
for how many years
pinagdadasal ko yan.
And just before
I settled down here
in Calibo,
the building came
and the land was there.
So pinakita ng Diyos sa akin,
o ito yung pinagdadasal mo,
eto na, binigay ko na.
Yun lang, si Father Alvin
palang makikinabang doon sa building na yun.
Hindi ako.
Do you understand what I'm saying?
God,
when he calls us,
it is an upward call in our life.
Moses went up Mount Sinai
and there he spent time with God
for 40 days
and 40 nights
without food, without water.
Grabe.
Sabi ko, kaya ni Moses.
Kaya ko yung walang pagkain,
pero yung walang tubig.
But you see,
there was something supernatural
about that encounter
because Moses did not get sick.
He did not become weak
because he was in the presence
of God.
The joy of the Lord
is our strength.
And in his presence is the
fullness of joy.
40 days,
40 nights, Moses was there
up in Mount Sinai
talking with God,
conversing with God,
listening to God.
And he was not
hungry or thirsty at all.
Then when he came down,
nung bumalik na siya,
dala niya yung Ten Commandments,
the commandments that God revealed to him.
He brought it down for the people
to see.
Nung bumababa na siya, you know what happened to him?
His face was already
shining.
40 days and 40 nights
in the presence of God.
That glory of God, that shining
glory, the Shekinah glory of God
was now shining on him.

Kwentong nga ni Bishop
Dick sa akin.
Sabi niya,
when you put a sword into the
fire,
paglinagay mo dahil yung spada mo
sa apoy,
after a while, yung spada mo
aapoy din.
Your sword
will also light up
but the sword is not
the fire.
Pero pag kinuha mo yung sword mo
sa fire,
nandun yung fire and your sword
will also be on fire.
Pero habang matagal,
sabi niya,
nawawala yung apoy ng spada mo.
And you need to bring it back again
to the fire. Ganon din tayo.
When we
constantly and regularly
spend time with God, I'm not saying
that you should be in prayer for 40 days
and 40 nights. I'm not saying
na pag nagdasal kayo, magdasal
kayo ng ilang oras, though
sometimes that happens. Minsan
nangyayari yan.
But there should be
a regular and constant
fellowship with God.
And in the course
of time, progressively, your life
will begin to shine.
The goodness of the Lord
inside you will come out.
The love of God that has already
been deposited in your heart
will begin to come out.
It will radiate.
Parang ilaw yan.
When you talk of the glory of God, it's not about
the shining light.
The glory of God is the character of God.
You are created in the image
and likeness of God.
If God can love His enemies,
so can you.
Amen?
Hindi natin nakikita na
the best weapon you have is to love your enemies.
You know, when you begin to love your enemies,
mawawala na yung
kaaway sa buhay mo. Bakit?
Magiging kapatid mo na siya.
You know? Pag inaaway ka
ng isang tao, mahalín mo lang na mahalín.
Tingnan mo siya, balang araw
hindi na kaaway ang tingin mo sa kanya,
kapatid na. Anong nangyayari?
Nawalan ka ng kaaway.

Nagkaroon ka ng kapatid.
You see how powerful that love is.
But that love is not an ordinary
love. That love
is a supernatural love that
comes from God and it
comes out of your life when you
spend time with Him
in fellowship,
in intimate
union with Him,
communion with God.
Transfiguration
Sunday
is about
what we are now and what
we will be.
Amen? We need to
spend more time with God. But sometimes,
sometimes
and oftentimes, I would say,
our walk with the Lord is
hindered.
It is hindered
by our selfishness.
It is hindered
by our
bad habits.
It is hindered by our
sinfulness.
Kaya instead of
shining brightly
as an image and likeness of God,
hindi umiilaw. Bakit?
Bakit hindi umiilaw?
Kasi
may sagabal e.
Kaya mga maraming tao nung sasabihin,
nagpipray naman ako. I spent time with God.
But there's something wrong.
You know when a mirror,
kung meron tayong mirror, I was
thinking of bringing a mirror here,
and you have a light coming from
somewhere, when that light
hits the mirror,
it will bounce back.
Kung gaano ka liwanag
yung ilaw, from the mirror,
when you face the mirror, it will bounce
back. Iilaw din yung palibot mo.
Yung reflection, di ba?
E, sinasabi dito,
we are not the light,
but we reflect the light of Christ
as we constantly face Christ.
As we constantly look
to Christ, yung ilaw
ng Diyos, yung ilaw ni Cristo,
it hits us, and it is
reflected in our life.
But sometimes, the
mirror is dirty.
Madumi yung mirror.

Kaya gahit gaano kaliwanag
ng ilaw,
the reflection is poor
because the mirror is dirty.
Anong kailangan gawin?
Linisin yung mirror.
And this is where Lent
comes in.
Next Sunday is already
the first Sunday
in Lent.
And what I would just like to say to you
today is, prepare for
Lent. We know
that we are the light of
the world, as we constantly
walk with Jesus, as we constantly
pray to Jesus, as we
constantly spend time with Jesus,
we are reflecting the image
of God in us.
But sometimes, maraming
hindrances.
Some of those hindrances
are our attachments.
Attachments to the
goods of the world. Our
attachment to people.
Our attachment to
anything else less than
God. Yan.
That's why we do not
manifest, we do not
radiate
with the love
and the glory of God in us
because may problema tayo.
Hindi ang Diyos ang may problema.
Amen?
Amen.
And so, papasok tayo sa Lent.
In the Lenten season, Lent
for me is a journey of
the mind to the heart.
From Ash Wednesday, that is the
first day of Lent, yan ang unang araw
ng Kwaresma, to
Easter Sunday,
that is
40 days.
Not counting
the Sundays, that is 40 days.
We will journey
and in that
journey, we will ask the
Lord to cleanse us
so that come Easter,
as Christ would rise,
then his image in
us will also rise up
and it will manifest.
Amen?
Meron na ba kayong mga kaibigan
na nagsabi sa inyo, alam mo, nagbago

ka, hindi na kita kilala.
O minsan sasabi na
mga kaibigan mo, ay naku,
ganon ka pa rin, walang pagbabago.
You know?
Never change.
We never
radiate with the character of God
but this is now the time.
Kaya I would
use this Sunday
to remind you, prepare
your course for Lent.
Ano bang gusto mong magbago
sa buhay mo?
Ginahongod aron.
Don't think that dahil nagsisimba
ka, don't think
na dahil nagbabasa ka ng Bible,
magbabago ang buhay mo.
Ginahongod animo ron.
You do it intentionally.
And it begins
with evaluation.
What
do I want to change
in my life?
Masungit ako.
Maiksina yung
pasensya ko.
May mga tao nga madumot.
Alam niyo yung madumot?
May mga taong ganyan.
Ay hindi ko mapigilan
sarili ko. Pag nasaktan ako,
ay dumtan, kugid ikaw.
Daha ron sa imperno.
Imong pagkadumot nga ron,
daha sa imperno ron.
Baonin mo sa imperno yan.
Kasi maraming dun madumot din.
Roaton nga pagkadalok.
Selfishness.
I was talking to a family na
nag-aaway-aaway sila sa lupa nila.
They were fighting and fighting.
Tinawag nila ako para mag-intervene.
Kasi nag-aaway
sila magkakapatid at tsaka
yung nanay nila. Sabi niya,
Father, pumunta ka para ikaw
mag-intervene. Nung pumunta ako dun,
hindi ako pinasalita. Silang nagsigawan.
Hindi nga ako pinakain.
Kayo bandang huli,
nag-excuse na lang ako, aalis na lang ako.
Sabi ko lang sa kanila, sabi ko,
yung pinag-aawayan nyo ba,
madadala nyo ba sa imperno?
Sabi na isa sa akin,
bakit imperno, Father?
Ay, iniisip nyo pa langit?
Ganyan yung ugali nyo, hakyat pa kayo sa langit.
You will not even

give an inch to your brother
or your sister. Aaway kayo.
Bakit hindi
nagbabago yan?
Ay, pero Father, alam mo,
prayerful ako. Alam mo, memorized kong Bible.
I don't care.

Amen?

Alam nyo ba yung demonyo,
memorized ang Bible? Do you know that?
Satan memorized the Bible.
Kaya huwag mo siyang
labanan ng Bible lang.
Mas magaling sa Bible yan.
Ang hindi kaya ng demonyo,
itong pag-ibig ni Cristo na nasa puso mo,
yan ang hindi niya kaya.
Alam ng demonyo kung mahal mo
ang Diyos o hindi.

Amen? He knows.

He really knows.

If there is the love of God inside you,
that will defeat the enemy. Love never,
it never fails.

In the face of adversity,
love will not fail.

So you start
plotting out your
course, anong gusto mong
magbabago sa buhay mo?
What would you like
God to change in your life
so that you can
manifest the glory of God?
You can live out the life
that God wants you
to live out. You can live out
the best version
of yourself.

Amen? Ikaw

mamimili.

It is a journey
of the mind to the
heart. Ilalagay mo yung isip mo
sa puso mo. Minsan kasi ang problema
natin yung isip natin nandun
sa labas, nandun sa
away, nandun sa
mga gamit, nandun sa
dungog natin.

May mga taong ganyan, kahit wala
silang pera, ipaglalaman nila
yung dungog nila.

Okay?

Their honor and their
glory.

Their mind is set
on those things.

Lent is a time that your mind
will journey to your heart. Tignan mo
yung puso mo.

Malapit lang yung isip saka sa puso.
Sukatin mo. Lalo na
pag nagdadasal ka at nakayuko ka,

malapit lang. Ito yung puso mo,
ito yung mind mo. Ang lapit lang yan.
Pero alam mo, hanggang ngayon
marami pa ring tao, hindi pa
nakakarating dito.
Ang utak nila, ang isip nila,
malayo pa rin, hindi pa rin nakapasok
sa puso. Lent is a time
that you journey
with your mind into your heart.
You find out.
E makasalanan ako, Bishop.
Ang dami kong kasalanan. Alam mo,
God could not
care less of your sins.
Be careful.
Ang dami kong kasalanan.
Minsan hindi na natin kinakausap si Lord.
Kasi ang dami nating kasalanan. Alam mo,
baliwala sa Kanya
yung kasalanan mo.
You know what God's concern is for you?
It's not your sin.
You know why?
Because Jesus already paid
for all the sins on the cross.
He made that one sacrifice
for the forgiveness of all sins.
You know what's God's concern for you?
Is that
why do you love sin?
Bakit mahal mo
talaga yung kasalanan mo?
Yan ang concern ng Dios.
Bakit hindi yung kasalanan mo?
Kaya nga diba, if we confess our sins
to God, He's just and faithful to forgive
them, but why do you
keep on doing it?
Yan ang concern ng Dios.
Mas mahal mo ang kasalanan mo
kaysa buhay mo.
There are sins that lead to
death, but people still do it.
A couple of weeks ago, I prayed
for a man on the hospital.
Pinutulan siya ng paa.
Diabetic siya.
And I prayed for him.
Ang sabi ng anak niya,
matig-a,
bigla nang ukara.
Hamakuhamahan,
hay, gaubog
imauhayan lang mga chocolate.
May una tayong
chocolate na ginatago.
Bago ima matog, hakaon na ng chocolate.
Tigas talaga ng ulo niyan.
Kaya yan, sabi niya, puputulan
ng paa, ayaw niyang putulan.
Sabi ng doktor, pag hindi pinutul yung
paa mo, one week lang patay ka na.
So pinag-prey ko siya.

Sabi ng mga anak niya,
tigas ng ulo,
inom ng inom ng soft drinks,
kain ng kain ng chocolate.
Paano yan?
Tinanong ko siya.
Sabi ko, Brad,
actually, classmate tayo.
Media din ako.
Mediabetes din.
Okay?
So sabi ko, pag binawalan ka ng doktor,
ibig sabihin, may
may pag-asa ka pa.
Pero pag sinabi na ng doktor,
sige, kainin mo lahat ng chocolates
na gusto mo.
Bilang na yung oras mo.
Kumain ka na ng marami.
Diba?
Pero pag sinabi ng doktor, wag kang kumain ito.
Bakit kinakain ang bawal?
O kayo, tawa ng tawa kayo.
Pag Christmas,
lahat ng bawal kinakain.
Kasi iniisip natin,
pag Christmas, lahat ng
masama ay nagiging mabuti.
Diba?
O yung may mga high blood,
pag Christmas, kainan-kainan
ng lechon.
Ay Christmas, mata.
Gapamayad manaron,
ay Christmas, huugid.
Abong ambulansya,
pag Christmas, abu-abu,
ginibot-ginibot, ambulansya naman,
tananro, ginabawal ay ginakinaon.
Hindi mo mapigilan
ng sarili mo. Masarap talaga kasi.
Yan ang concern ng Diyos.
Your sin is already
killing you. Why do you keep
on sinning? Why do you
love your sin? Yan ang
gustong ayusin ng Diyos sa buhay mo.
Yung kasalanan natin, tapos na yan.
Pinatawan na yan, but we
just love to do it again
and again. That's why
Lent is a time to deal with your
heart.
Lent is a time to come before
God and say, Lord, hindi ko makontrol
ang sarili ko. I'm really sinful.
And I need your help.
And it's the grace
of God that will take over and help
you. You put yourself
in a position
to receive
God's help.
You cannot do anything for yourself.

No amount
of work
will save you.
But you can only put yourself
in a position
where God's grace
can work in your life.

Amen?

Kaya nga, pag sinabi
ng Doktor, bawal yan.
Do you believe that by the stripes of Jesus
you are healed? Do you
believe that? Do you believe may pag-asa
kang gagaling? Yeah, dahil
sabi ni Lord, tigilan yung bawal.
Amen? Tigilan na yung bawal.

Magbagong buhay.

Yan ang solution diyan.

Amen? Sinisermón ko
yan sa sarili ko araw-araw.

Magbagong buhay.

Magbagong pagkain.

Amen? So this

season of Lent, the last
days, etong Sunday,
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, mag-uumpisan ang koresma,
you have three days to prepare yourself.

What will be

my course? What will
be my journey this Lent?

Ano pang gusto ko, Lord, na magbago sa buhay ko?
Planuhin mo na.

Ginahongod ron. Amen?

If you want to
change, you have to
intentionally come before God
and, you know, ask God to
help you. I would strongly
recommend this season of
Lent that we go to confession
regularly. Come before God
for confession.

Amen?

Threatened talaga tayo, coming
from a protestant background. Yan ang background
natin. I confess my sin to God
directly. I just tell God
my sin. Yeah.

Madali talaga yan. Kausapin
mo si Lord. Bakit?

Bakit? Kung anong iniisip
mong gawin, si Lord yun.

Lord, sorry, ha? Kaya
kinabukasan, gagawin naman. Ulitin
na naman.

Sorry na naman, tapos ulitin.

Tapos sinanong mo, anong sabi ni Lord? Okay lang.

Ha?

Okay lang.

Sabi ni Lord, mahal niya
naman ako, ha? Yan ang sabi mo
sa sarili mo. That's why, when
you confess your sin, I would suggest

you go to a priest. Bakit?

Your heart is very
deceitful.

Pwede ka

magkumpisal sa Diyos directly,
pero hindi ang Diyos ang pinapakinggan mo
ang sarili mo.

Lord,

nasampal ko siya.

Alam mo naman, Lord, na mahal ko siya,
pero talagang nagselos lang ako.

Sinampal at binugbog ko siya.

Thank you, Lord.

Salamat, Lord. I'm

forgiven. Bukas ulit.

But when you go to a priest
and confess, itong sasabi ng pare
sa inyo, tigilan mo na
yan.

Tigilan mo na yan. O, masakit

yun. Bakit? Talagang

nagsagot sa'yo.

Amen?

Someone confessed to me. Hindi ko
sasabi ng pangalan. Confession yan, eh.

Sabi niya, Father, mahilig talaga ako
sa babae. So,

nangbababae siya.

Sabi niya, nagconfess

naman ako kay Lord. I talked to God
directly. Sabi ko sa kanya, anong sinabi
ng Diyos sa kanya? Okay lang daw.

Basta, wag ko lang iwanan

yung asawa ko. Talaga? Ang bait

naman ng Diyos na yan.

Sabi ko, hindi si Lord yan.

And so, when he confessed

to me, you know what I told him?

Stop doing

that. So,

nagulat siya. Sabi niya, pwede once a month
na lang kami magkita? No.

Not once a month. Not once

a year. Not once in ten

years. Stop doing

that or you will destroy

the life of your family.

Tigilan mo na yan.

So, nagulat siya.

Bakit?

When confessing to God, he listens
to his heart who is very deceitful.

But when

you go to the sacrament of confession,
you hear God from the mouth

of a priest.

Kasi minsan tayong mga krisyano, gusto lang natin
marinig yung gusto natin.

Okay?

Kaya minsan may may gusto kang gawin.

Meron kang gustong gawin sa buhay mo.

Pupunta ka sa isang tao, sasabihin mo

sa tao na yan, alam mo,

ito yung plano ko, ito yung gusto ko.

Antayin mo yung tao. Ano
kayang sabi ni Lord? Yung tao naman,
isipin niya, alam mo,
Brad, siguro ipatuloy mo
yan kay Lord yan.
Anong sinasagot mo? Ay, napakagaling mo.
Prophetic ka talaga.
Nasabi niya lang yung gusto mo
marinig. Prophetic
ka talaga.
Pero pag pumunta ka sa pare,
Father, ano
sa palagay mo? Huwag mong gawin yan.
Huwag mong gawin yan.
Mapapahama ka.
Ako, yung paring ito,
napakabobo naman. Kasi hindi mo
nagustuhan yung sinabi.
Amen?
Confession is a time for you
to evaluate your heart.
And sometimes you need someone
to tell you
what's wrong with you.
So you can already
begin to position your
life to receive the grace
of God for you to change.
Amen?
Amen? Hindi tayo
sanay. Kaya minsan sa
simbahan, direct kay Lord,
confess, ulit,
confess, ulit,
confess kay God, ulit.
You go to a priest, and that
authority to
absolve sinners
will have an effect on you.
Magkakaroon ng
direkto yan sa buhay mo.
Amen?
I remember one time, nagpalinis ako
ng sasakyan. Pinalinis ko.
Ang sasakyan na ginagamit ko, madumi na.
Bakit umuulan? Madumi na siya.
So dinadrive ko lang na dinadrive
yung sasakyan. Pag may nakita
akong tubig na maraming tubig, dinadaan ko
lang. Bakit? Madumi na yung sasakyan eh.
If I see
a pool of water, may makita akong putik,
ah, dinadaan ko lang.
So one time,
yung hiniram kong sasakyan, ibabalik ko na.
I have to return it.
So bago ko binalik,
pinakarwash ko muna.
Full carwash with perfume.
Meron palang
perfume eh.
So pinalinis ko yung kotse. Pinalinis ko talaga.
Paglabas ko,
linagyan pa ng pangpakintab

yung gulong. Grabe.
So paglabas ko
ng carwash, ang ganda
ng kotse. Parang brand new.
Alam nyo paglabas ko, malinis yung kotse.
Nakakita ako ng putik.
Iniwasan ko talaga yung putik.
Ayaw ko ng magkaputik.
Bakit? Malinis na.
That's what you feel
and that's what you experience
when you go to confession.
You come to confession,
bakit natin inuulit yung kasalanan natin?
Kasi madumi na tayo eh.
Okay lang.
But when you come to confession, you will feel
and you will begin to see
how you are cleansed by God.
Kaya paglabas mo sa simbahan,
ayaw mo kumawakaw ng
kasalanan ka agad.
But again, sometimes we fall.
We stumble. Balik ulit
sa pare. Because
progressively, progressively
God will
take the hold of sin
from your life. One of these days,
magugulat ka, hindi mo na ginagawa
yung kasalanan na yan.
Even the saints,
even the saints
who sometimes I feel
hindi na sila kailangan mag-confess.
Napaka-perfect ng buhay nila.
You know what makes them saints?
Every week, they go to confession.
Mga saints na yan.
You know?
They go to confession.
Pope John Paul II
is a very saintly person.
I've read his life.
Tinitingnan ko ang buhay niya,
sinusundan ko siya.
I go to confession twice a week.
Amen?
Twice a week.
I encourage you.
Go to the sacrament of confession.
This Lenten season,
we will have a priest here.
Maglalagay ako ng schedule natin
at magko-confession tayo.
This is preparing our hearts
for the journey in Lent.
Preparing our soul,
getting rid of the clutter
that is in our hearts
so that we can truly shine
the brightest with the light
of Christ in us.
As we constantly look to Christ,

sabi niya,
then His light will shine brightly in us.
We will reflect that light
more and more
as we allow the Holy Spirit
to cleanse us from all our sins.