

Of This World...

What is right and what is wrong? What of this world is good and what should be avoided? What makes something sinful and what makes something not? In our world as we experience it through the media, our jobs, school and our peers, seem to be radically different from the teachings of the Church when it comes to what is acceptable and what is not. This being the case, how do we determine what is true in our world...popular opinion or blind faith...

It may seem that the Church is outdated and needs to get with the times. But in reality if we take a deeper look into the world, you will find that nothing is lasting. One year this type of food is bad for you and you should avoid it at all costs. Five years later it is essential to our everyday diet. Fads come and go, slang moves and goes with each generation, as does the fashion. What was taboo is now commonplace. The Church however, never changes. The teachings of the Church, our “dogma” is infallible, it never fades away, it is everlasting.

“I came into this world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.” John 12:46

Over the centuries the Church has never altered or abandoned her teachings. As we grow as the Body of Christ, we come to a greater understanding of God’s love and mercy. So throughout the years through Councils, Synods and various documents, our understanding of God’s reality grows deeper and fuller.

“The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of faith. She bears herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is missionary of her very nature” [Catechism of the Catholic Church 868]

The teachings of the Church exist for us in order to live and experience the fullness and richness God. They don’t exist to limit us or forbid us from this or that, they enrich our lives and bring us to a fullness that the world could never offer. The Church is not a dictator; She is a mother who wants nothing but the best for Her children.

Lord, in Your infinite wisdom, grant that I may always look to the Church with an open heart that is ready to discern the teachings that You have given to us, in order that we may live a life of fullness and wonder. Help me to discern daily what is of this world and what is of You. AMEN