Fifth Sunday of Easter – Homily – 05/10/2020

"The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith."

Now that would be something if even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith?

Unfortunately the truth is there are many clerics who have spent years studying and yet are not obedient to the traditional faith of the Church. On the contrary, they have used their studies to get around the truth.

And when is the last time we heard of tremendous growth in the Church in the West? It's been a long time.

People are made for truth, they are starving for truth and the ultimate Truth is Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can save us from eternal damnation and we can only find him fully in the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church.

Unfortunately many people have no stomach for truth today because in in a large number of cases they have been malformed for years by clerics and religious brothers and sisters who are no longer obedient to the truths of the Faith.

The cornerstone spoken of in the second reading, Jesus Christ, has become a stumbling block to those whom God has specifically chosen to lead the people of the world to Himself.

Wouldn't it be great if a large number of priests would become obedient to the Traditional Faith?

If they would then we would certainly see growth in our Church again.

But as it is we cannot expect to see growth in the Church when there is so much confusion sown from within?

When Thomas was confused about the way, Jesus didn't leave him baffled. He clarified by saying "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

When Philip was confused about seeing the Father, Jesus didn't leave him perplexed either. "He said to him, 'Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'"

Jesus never left his disciples in confusion.

They may not have understood immediately but he didn't leave them without explanation and neither does the Church leave us in confusion even if some clerics, even at the highest levels of the Church, do.

According to a recent article in the Latin Mass magazine, "The Church is not a man-made association whose structure its members voted into being at their will. It is of divine origin."

Quoting the same article, "The Church is the universal sacrament of salvation in Jesus Christ. She does not reflect herself, but the light of Christ, which shines on her face.

But this happens only when the truth revealed in Jesus Christ becomes the point of reference, rather than the views of a majority or the spirit of the times; for Christ Himself has entrusted the fullness of grace and truth to the Catholic Church and He Himself is present in the sacraments of the Church.

It's a sad state of affairs when there is this much confusion in the Church and we can't even get consistent clarification and guidance from the highest levels of the Vatican.

Instead pro-abortion/pro-population control types like Jeffrey Sach's and Bernie Sander's get invitations from the Vatican which leave the faithful even more confounded.

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Until the majority of clerics become obedient to the traditional faith of the Church we shouldn't expect to see any real growth. On the contrary we can expect the hemorrhaging to continue.

Let's pray for clarity from our Church leaders so that following this current corona virus gripping the world we can get back to the real deadly virus infecting souls – confusion among the ranks in the Church.