In today’s society, it is imperative that we take place in our civil responsibilities. We must vote, we must be faithful, but not only are we to carry out these responsibilities, but we need to do so in a way that approves with our Catholic faith. If you voted, but did so in a way that was not concentrated on the good of the community, you were untruthful to your faith. If you have great talent, but used it in a way that hurt someone or something, you were being untruthful to your faith.

If you look into the Bible prudently, you would see that some governments are related to the monarchy of God. God is the supreme and controls all under Him. This relates to the monarchy government like in England with a king/queen at the head, and his/her inferiors below. Then, the idea of a supreme system of government came into view as the American patriots built their government from scratch. Our first try was the Articles of Confederation. This attempt at a better government than a monarchy crumbled because it wasn’t a most authoritative system. The states refused to function as one equal nation; instead, they functioned as a cluster of individual nations. This could possibly be the outcome if we refused to cooperate and be lethargic citizens of our communities. Then, we tried again with the Constitution. This system worked and is continuing to work because it demanded the activeness of the people of the now “United” States. If we do not participate in our nation, state, and community politics, we are being untruthful to our faith.

It seems today that we are all for the good of green. We make it seem like we are the green generation, but when we wake up the next morning, it’s gone. Where did it go? In the teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi, he advises us to be in harmony with nature. We may not think it, but we are intertwined with nature. If we cannot protect nature and our environment, then we will ultimately perish. In the story of St. Francis and the wolf, the people alienated the wolf and treated him as an outcast. Responding to this, the wolf attacked and terrorized the citizens of the town. The people felt no need to make an effort to amalgamate with the wolf until St. Francis came and gave the wolf a chance to live amongst the people. After this, the wolf became more amiable with the people and, in return for food, guarded the town. If we deny nature, we are being untruthful to our faith.

So it seems at times that we cannot fend for ourselves. This may be untrue at times, but we tend to wait for one individual to make the “great change” we are searching for. We wait on this one individual to make this “change” because we are afraid to be blamed if this change turns out for the worse. This is why the world seems to be at a standstill because we are afraid of unleashing our creativity out unto the world, for we don’t want to be blamed for it. If it wasn’t for St. Francis, that village would have been terrorized to extinction. Today, we tend to leave our talents undeveloped because we don’t want to be blamed for it. In scripture, there is a passage that states that you do not hide a lamp, but you place it on a lampstand for all to see. If we are afraid that our talents are going to make the world worse or that we might get blamed for our efforts, we are being untruthful to our faith.

If we do not stay truthful to our faith and take care of nature, participate in politics, or are afraid of our talents and their effect on the world, we will fail. Goals will not be met. And we will be a disappointment to our faith. We need to worry about nature and politics and to let our light shine. We need to do all of these things to excel in today’s society and, in that; we will be true to our faith.

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