

Homily Hints

We Live Our Faith

The Big Question:

“How can a challenge be an opportunity?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to understand what the Protestant reformers were seeking and what the Church did in response
2. to appreciate the teachings of the Council of Trent, which reaffirmed the importance of both Scripture and Tradition
3. to respond to the challenges of today’s world with strength and courage.

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Throughout the Church’s history, there have been many challenges to its authority. The Church had to find its own way to respond to challenge, just as we do as individuals.

One way is to be grounded first in our faith. To do so, we must always read Scripture and learn more about the rich Tradition of the Church. This grounds all of us so any challenge we face as Catholics we can see as an opportunity—by listening and responding from all the strength that is learned from integrating faith in our lives.

Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day appealed to young people to be active members of the Church, and he challenged them to respond to the Church’s needs, knowing young people are given strength and courage from the very Church they need to defend and stand up for.

Invite the assembled young people to be part of the ongoing renewal of Church life. The Church has a duty to respond to the needs of youth. By bringing them into the process of Church they can experience the strength and courage needed to bring the teachings of the Church into the world around them.

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