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Homily Helps, Petitions, and Bulletin Notices for the Transfiguration of the Lord, Cycle A (6 August 2017)

Homily Helps

† Comment for the day:

At the Transfiguration God reveals that dominion and power have been handed over to Jesus, who is Messiah and Lord. At the same time, our readings indicate that God's reign will be implemented in a human manner, by someone who is humble and who will suffer and die. This is the divine mystery: God's power is exercised in a manner totally unlike human conceptions of – and pretensions to – power.

How is it that we ourselves exercise the authority we wield? Do we recognize that that authority is a share in the dominion of God, to whom we are responsible in the way we behave? In Genesis, human beings are entrusted with God's dominion over creation. In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis asks all of us to examine the way we humans exercise that dominion which ultimately belongs to God.

† Scripture passages to note:

Daniel 7: A Son of Man received dominion, glory and kingship. Nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion.

Psalms 97: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The heavens proclaim God's justice
And all peoples see his glory.

2 Peter 1: Our Lord Jesus Christ...received glory and praise from God the Father.

Matthew 17: This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

A certain way of understanding human life and activity has gone awry, to the serious detriment of the world around us....I propose that we focus on the dominant technocratic paradigm and the place of human beings and of human activity in the world. (#101)

We are the beneficiaries of two centuries of enormous waves of change....It is right to rejoice in these advances....For science and technology are wonderful products of a God-given human creativity. (#102)

Yet it must also be recognized that nuclear energy, biotechnology, information technology, knowledge of our DNA, and many other abilities which we have acquired have given us tremendous power....over the whole of humanity and the entire world. (#104)

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† Passages from Laudato Si' to note (cont.):

The risk is growing day by day that man will not use his power as he should....Human beings are not completely autonomous....We have certain superficial mechanisms, but we cannot claim to have a sound ethics, a culture and spirituality genuinely capable of setting limits and teaching clear-minded self-restraint. (#105)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: God has have created human beings in the Divine image. That God may also endow us with the wisdom and humility to make life-giving and life-preserving choices for the benefit of all creatures and all creation, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That ethical reasoning may guide the use of modern technology, insofar as many forms of technology at our disposal have enormous power to alter or even destroy life, let us pray to the Lord....

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