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From the Minister General. Pax et Bonum.

Greetings. This has been certainly an new venture for all Australians. The Corona virus has certainly made life interesting and demanding at the same time. Keeping safe has been the objective and it looks like we are coming out the other side much better equipped to beat the virus.

Those who have had to work – especially the nurses, doctors, and cleaners of our hospitals on the front line, putting there own lives at risk of the virus, have given us much to think about.

In the next few days or weeks the community will have a new novice in the Rev Monsignor Jack Sweeley, and he is accepted into the order. He will be known in Religion as Br. Bonaventure Kolby.

The community is small but taking small steps and is gradually beginning to grow in number.

Our Oblate in Hungary is going well and is keeping up with his studies. The Bundaberg Fraternity is doing OK. Faye (Melba) has been un well over the past few months, but is now on the mend.

Please continue to pray for Faye and her son Desmond.
Once restrictions have been removed, I shall begin orking on plans for 2021 for our 30th
Anniversary of the founding of the Ecumenical Order of St
Francis. Any suggestions will be most appreciated. You can contact them to me any time at

the following:-<u>stbonaventure@bigpond.com</u> at any time.

Every Blessing Pax et Bonum.

++Br Paul Francis (eosf).

Judge Not Lest Ye be Judged. (Matthew 7: verse 1)

Homily. By the Most Reverend C. Buggé (Metropolitan Archbishop of Melbourne.

TEXT: Matthew 7: 1.

"Judge Not Lest Ye Be Judged Opening Yourself To All'

'Do Not Judge, Or You Too Will Be Judged. For In The Same Way As You Judged Others, You Will Be Judged, And With The Measure You Use, It Will Be Measured to You." Niv.

Judge not lest ye be judged – opening yourself to all points of view --- freeing one's self from the baggage of condemnation and accepting people as they are. To achieve this state you must turn to the mighty one.

Keep your silence amidst the noise of the world, for there is peace in that silence. Keep peace between yourself and other beings and listen to all men. Even the ignorant amongst mankind may perceive a truth you do see.

Surrender not your spirit to any other, yet seek not to do battle, but rather seek to avoid those people who trouble your spirit and spread vexation about. Seek not ambition to closely, for the most humble tasks must also be done and properly done. This pleases the Lord and lady. (Thus means properly learned tasks).

Those of humanity are your brothers and sisters, and each of us has our own personal belief in our spirituality. We all have the freedom to believe whatever we will about spirituality and what is in our hearts. But remember the world is full of different types of people, and different points of view about spirituality. That is why we all have the right to seek our own pathway. Strive to be gentle and understanding with your fellow man and be tolerant of their emotions, even if you don't understand them.

Regard the passing of the years without despair. Surrender the things of youth without sorrow for shall bring you deeper wisdom and greater understanding.

Study then the secret ways and cultivate the spiritual strength to shield you in unexpected misfortune.

Remember that we are all God's children and special in the eyes of God. This pleases the Lord. **Amen.**

Upcoming Saints Days for Jan to April 2020.

- Saint Catherine Of Bologna-May 09
- Saint Ignatious Of Laconi May 11
- Saint Margaret Of Cortona- May 16
- Saint Paschal Bayton-May 17
- Saint Felix Of Contalice May 18
- Saint Bernardine Of Siena -May 20
- Saint Mary Ann Of Jesus Of Paredes-May 28
- Blessed Baptista Varano -May 30
- Blessed Jolenta -June 12
- Saint Anthony Of Padua -June 13
- Blessed Raymond Lull-June 30

- Blessed Gregory & Companions July 08
- Saints Nicholas Pick & Companions -July 09
- Saint Veronica Giuliani-July 10
- Saints John Jones & John Wall -July 12
- Blessed Angeline Of Marsciano July 13
- Saint Francis Solano July 14
- Saint Bonaventure July 15
- Saint Lawrence Of Brindisi- July 21
- Blessed Cunegunda July 23
- Blessed Louise Of Savoy- July 24
- Blessed Mary Magdalene Of Martinengo -July 27



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