

# St. Nicholas News

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## HOLY SEE SAYS RESPECT RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



Speaking in Geneva during the 51st Session of the Human Rights Council, Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu called for joint efforts to foster “a globalization in solidarity” which respects diverse cultures and ensures the recognition of the inherent dignity of all.

The Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva was speaking on Agenda Item 3, during the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Addressing the session, Archbishop Nwachukwu warned that disregard for the concrete life of Indigenous people and the imposition of certain predetermined cultural models in the form of “ideological colonization” threatens their traditions, history and religious bonds.” Already, as recalled by Pope Francis in the Post-Synodal Exhortation Querida Amazonia, many Indigenous peoples “often witnessed helplessly the destruction of the natural surroundings that enabled them to be nourished and kept healthy, to survive and to preserve a way of life in a culture which gave them identity and meaning.” More so, many have been forced to flee their lands due to increasingly frequent extreme climate events and the exploitation of resources. The Permanent Observer further stressed that the deprivation of the fundamental relationship between indigenous peoples and their land “endangers the transmission of languages, traditional knowledge and folklore”, and has often led to “undignified living conditions, lack of access to education and adequate health care.” In light of this, the Archbishop restated the Holy See’s commitment to respecting Indigenous cultures, including their customs, traditions and languages. He also called for efforts towards a “globalization in solidarity” as well as constructive and inclusive dialogue founded on the “recognition of the inherent dignity of every human person and of the values of different peoples, rather than the violent imposition of one cultural model.” Indigenous women: custodians of traditional knowledge Archbishop Nwachukwu acknowledged the Special Rapporteur’s report on the rights of Indigenous people and the special focus on the central role of Indigenous women as “scientific and technical knowledge keepers.” He said that Indigenous women are “custodians of a collective accumulation of important traditional knowledge and skills related in particular to agriculture, health care and natural resource management.”

These skills, the archbishop explained, are transmitted to their children and grandchildren in their vital role as mothers, grandmothers, teachers and caregivers. He, however, expressed concern that despite progress made in some contexts, the fundamental role of women continues to be hindered by racism, discrimination and violence.

Hence, he reaffirmed Pope Francis’s words during his recent Apostolic Journey to Canada, when the Holy Father noted that “women occupy a prominent place as blessed sources not only of physical but also of spiritual life.”

*Benedict Mayaki, SJ*

## Remembered in Prayer

### Saturday 6pm Mass

Sonny Morley  
(Month’s Mind)  
Betty Edgell

### Sunday 11.30am Mass

Kate Farrell and the  
deceased members  
of the Farrell and Maguire  
Families  
Geoffrey Kavanagh



## Help Lines

Women’s Aid: 1800341900

Male Domestic Abuse:  
1800816588

Rape Crisis Centre:  
1800778888

Age Action: 014756989



## Bee8

The Digital Hub and the Robert Emmet Community Development Project (RECDP) are bringing the latest buzz to Dublin 8 with a new Smart D8 pilot programme, Bee8. Together with the National College of Art and Design (NCAD), St Patrick’s Mental Health Services and the Tyndall National Institute, Bee8 will focus on bringing the community together to develop a link between society, nature and wellbeing using bees and data to better understand the Dublin 8 ecosystem.



**Collectors** needed at both weekend masses. Give us a buzz: 015611390

## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, let us remember the inclusive love of God.

For our lack of compassion and welcome.  
Lord have mercy

For our willingness to exclude those who are different.  
Christ have mercy

For our failure to see you in the poor and marginalised. Lord have mercy

May our great and gracious Lord, who has conquered selfishness, have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

### 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing'. Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No", allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

### 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### Luke 17:11-19

Now on the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered

one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests'. Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, Your love gathers us together as one people. We thank you. Lord hear us

Lord, teach us to value and love diversity and shun division and discrimination. Lord hear us

For all in our world, who are suffering hardship, that we may be a voice for them and a force for change. Lord hear us

We remember, all who have died, and those who mourn for them. We are especially conscious of those who have died through violence and war. May we be strengthened by the hope of eternal life which cannot be taken from us. Lord hear us

For those lingering in Direct Provision, whose dignity is denied them, that our Government may act with compassion as well as fairness. Lord hear us

In silence, we call to mind all who need our support and prayer.....Lord hear us

### Reflection

It is so easy to box people in,  
to describe them according to our own bias.  
When we attempt to limit people in this way, it is we ourselves who become limited.  
Unable to appreciate the beauty and dignity of those who stand before us.  
Unable to greet the newness of their vision.  
Unable to appreciate the diversity which can enrich our hearts and minds.

In an effort to defend ourselves, we weaponize our beliefs, convincing ourselves that these people are dangerous, a danger to our way of life and beliefs.

If we find ourselves in this position, the sad truth is, that WE are the dangerous ones.

Christ not only greeted those made to feel excluded, the so called unclean—he embraced them with all his heart.

*Anonymous*