

Sunday 21st August 2022

My dear brothers and sisters, how are you doing and I hope this week finds you happy and peaceful. Let me deviate a bit from our weekly homilies, we shall reflect on a girl with two apples, and her response to her Mother is a wake up call to all of us.

WAKE UP CALL!!

A little girl was holding two apples with both hands.

Her mum came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile; “my sweetie, could you give your mum one of your two apples”?

The girl looked up at her mum for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other.

The mum felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mum and said: mummy, here you are. This is the sweeter one.

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgement.

Give others the privilege to explain themselves.

What you see may not be the reality. Never conclude for others.

That is why we should never only focus on the surface and judge others without understanding them first.

Those who like to pay the bill, do so not because they are loaded with cash, but because they value friendship above money.

Those who take the initiative at work, do so not because they are stupid but because they understand the concept of responsibility.

Those who apologise first after a fight, do so not because they are wrong but because they value the people around them.

Those who are willing to help you, do so not because they owe you anything but because they see you as a true friend.

Those who often text you, do so not because they have nothing better to do but because you are in their heart.

Those who take out time to chat with you, does not mean they are jobless or less busy, but they know the importance of keeping in touch.

One day, all of us will get separated from each other; we will miss our conversations of everything & nothing; the dreams that we had.

Days will pass by, months, years, until this contact becomes rare... One day our children will see our pictures and ask 'Who are these people?' And we will smile with invisible tears because a heart is touched through our words and actions.

Finally, enjoy your weekend, and please, be patient with each other this week. And May the prayers and the intercession of our Blessed mother Mary continue to protect you and your Families, Amen.

Yours Affectionately,
Father Nicholas Nwanzi.