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Thoughts from the pastor,

I just saw the new Avengers movie. The teaser for it says: “The Avengers and their Super Hero allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.” That may not mean much to some of you who didn’t ever get excited about comic books. I don’t want to spoil the movie for anyone. I do believe that the PG-13 should be paid attention to because you could have children having tough dreams the next few nights after seeing it if there isn’t an adult to explain things to them.

What I would like to point out is that this bad guy did not want to destroy the universe. His idea was to save it by destroying half of the population of the universe so that the rest could live in luxury and not have to worry about over-population and the threat of starvation. So he thought he was actually the good guy and the Avengers were the bad guys. What is totally weird about this is that this story is a “Hollywood” movie. It is the exact opposite of what has been coming out of Hollywood since the seventies when the book, The Population Bomb, by Paul Ehrlich came out.

There has been this constant effort to indoctrinate all of us to kill as many babies as possible so we won’t all starve to death or live in oppressive squalor. We have been told the Church is the evil one who constantly opposes artificial birth control and abortion. Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood are the good guys that are trying to save us all. What is interesting is that all of this was supposed to happen by 1987. And here we are living in luxury with more food being produced per capita than ever. We now have far more people in the world than was supposed to be sustainable and yet we thrive.

I have mentioned all of this before but the new thing is this movie. Ultimately God will decide who are going to be rewarded as the good guys and who are going to be punished as the bad guys. In the meantime we have another election coming up and we will be voting on pro-life or pro-abortion leaders. I personally want to be on the side that protects all of God’s children from conception to natural death. How are you placing your bets?

SEAS will be having Anointing of the Sick at all Masses next week, May 19-20. Some of us will be able to receive a Sacrament trifecta. You can go to confession before Mass, and receive the anointing and communion. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone who is seriously ill and over seven years old. Younger children can receive a blessing but are usually not given the anointing. I am happy to say that I now fit into another category which is for those over 65 years of age. We can receive the Sacrament of Anointing because we are supposedly always closer to death and need to be ready. One of the many graces of this sacrament is that it is to encourage a person who is suffering weakness to realize that God is not abandoning them even if they are starting to feel less valuable. Especially in our current culture, this is a good reminder.

The Vocations Committee has set up a celebration for my 40th anniversary of priesthood for the weekend of June 9-10. There will be donuts, cookies, and Cheetos after all the Masses, except the 11am Mass. After the 11am Mass there will be sandwiches, salads, desserts, and Cheetos. I will have a display of pictures. The test will be to see if you can identify me in some of the early pictures.

Last but not least, Bill Cremers, the seminarian who worked at SEAS last summer, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Friday, 5/25, at 7pm, at St. Cecilia Cathedral. He will have a Holy Hour in Thanksgiving in the chapel at SEAS the next day at 1pm. You are invited to both events.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank