10th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year B

June 10th, 2018

We are His Brothers And Sisters

When we pray *The Lord's Prayer*, the only formula of prayer attributed to Jesus in the Gospel, it reminds us that we all made in the image and likeness of God share in the common brotherhood and sisterhood with our Lord Jesus Christ, the perfect image of God. Also, whenever we raise or join our hands to pray the Lord's prayer- *Our Father* during Mass, it should be a constant reminder that we all are children of God and we are connected to each other. Thus, as members of one family of God, whatever we do, whether good or bad, affects the other.

Our first reading today from Genesis on the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve reminds us of this truth that whatever we do affects the other. Adam was influenced by Eve in disobeying the command of God after the Satan deceived Eve. The consequence of this is the loss of Original State of Justice and we all share in that by being born with Original Sin, which baptism washes away for us. On the other hand, Jesus in the Gospel today reminds us that the effort we make to do his will continuously connects us to Him as His brothers and sisters.

As brothers and sisters of Jesus, He calls us to be sources of positive influences to one another. We have to remember always that whatever we do or say can have a long-lasting impact on another person either positively or negatively. As St. Paul tells us in the second reading, let us use God's grace in our lives in a way that whatever we do "may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God". Amen.