

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
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Cycle A

Every time I have friends visiting, one common question they would ask, “Do you have Wi-Fi?”

Some people are hooked endlessly to their smart phones. Almost everyone is into social media. People book their tickets, pay their bills, or buy and sell through the Internet. The whole world is a network.

But are we really connected? For despite all these means of communication, many of the problems that arise spring from lack of connection. The breakdown in relationships is caused by lack of emotional connection. More often than not, depression comes about when the person has shut himself off from the people around him. The opposite of addiction is connection. People who get addicted are not truly connected – with people and with reality.

I remember as early as the year 2000, there was an advertisement from Thailand featuring people glued to their phones, their faces betray sadness even as there are real people – their loved ones – close by. As soon as they put aside their phones, they become happy for they began to interact personally with their loved ones. Then comes the tagline: “Disconnect to connect”. Give up the meaningless connection so you may have meaningful relationships.

This is also true in our relationship with God. The Gospel reminds us of a relationship in which we cannot afford to be disconnected. Jesus speaks of Himself as the vine and we the branches. He said, “Apart from me, you can do nothing”. If we are not connected to Him, then everything is lost. We cannot bear fruit without Him.

As Christians, we need to always connect with our Lord and remain in Him and for sure our life will be fruitful.

Amen