Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 11:42-46): The Lord said: “Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others....”

Justice and Peace

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Today, in controversy with the Pharisees, Jesus Christ places justice and God’s love, as axis of social coexistence by setting them above personal viewpoints. Peace and Law, Justice and Peace are inseparably connected. When Law is trampled on and injustice comes to power, peace is always threatened.

Political criteria should be based on those moral values, not created by us, but recognized and equal for all men. Without them Law can be criminally used with factional purposes. Two factors of justice dilution stand out. First, the “cynicism of ideology”, which obfuscates consciences by justifying any means to achieve factional objectives. Second, the “cynicism of business” (unscrupulous exploitation of natural resources), where the useful also takes the place of the good and power displaces Law.

—O Lord, Christianity does not lead us far from reason, but illuminates it instead: to achieve peace, make faith calm down reason, often distorted by ideological tyranny.