

Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Apr 12th 2018

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Laws are made by human beings to facilitate life in a community. However, there is a tendency for people in power to use law for their own advantage and even to oppress people. That is why not everything legal is moral. In the Philippines, Martial Law was legal but it certainly was immoral. I remember as Dean of College, I had to answer a professor who was questioning my critique of Martial Law and even disobeying its ordinances by openly going to rallies, etc. And my answer was exactly this: Not everything legal is moral. And as people of conscience we have to fight what is immoral even if by doing so we violate a law and therefore we must take the consequence of our actions. That is why during Martial law there were thousands and thousands of political detainees. A legal system is not always a justice system as we see from the unfair practices in our courts where big criminals are acquitted and innocent people are convicted.“ That is why this scriptural passage is so important. It really is better for us to obey God rather than human authority.

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