Pope tells priests not to live for their 'own pleasure' or act 'like a peacock'

Francis urges new priests to nourish congregations with homilies, while making sure they are not bored.



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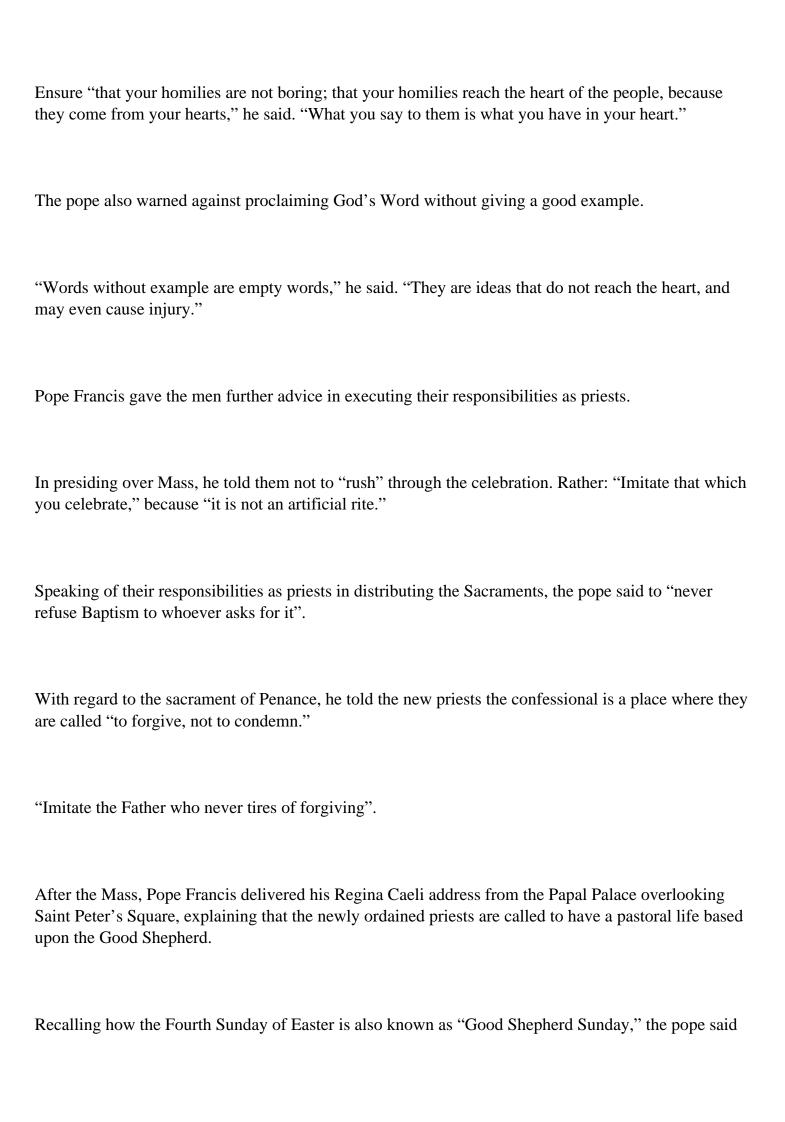
Pope Francis presided over the ordination of nearly twenty men to the priesthood on Sunday, where he warned them against being vain priests who live first for their own pleasure rather than for God's.

"A priest is ugly who lives for his own pleasure," the pope said, adding that such a priest "acts like a peacock".

Pope Francis presided over the Mass in St Peter's Basilica, during which he, as the bishop of Rome, ordained 19 men for the Roman diocese.

During the ordination Mass, the pope delivered the standard homily based on the Italian edition of the Pontificale Romanum for the ordination of priests, but digressed from the text several times to offer advice to the men about to be ordained.

In these remarks, he said priests should nourish God's people with their homilies, while making sure they are not bored.



this day is an occasion to reflect on Jesus' gift of Self, through His passion, death, and resurrection.
The Good Shepherd, he said, "gives life, has offered his life in sacrifice for all of us".
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