

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 19, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever had “buyer’s remorse”? You know that sense that after purchasing an item there is an experience of “remorse”, that is, sorrow that we made the purchase. In a consumer society we are encouraged to buy and sometimes impulsively buy. Check out the latest “sale” and buy even more.

I suggest that “buyer’s remorse” is good sometimes because it is easy to over- do it as a buyer. It is helpful to be a more reflective buyer before going to “check-out” be it on-line or in the store. Reflective in that we ask in Christ whether the purchase we are about to make will lead us to “buyer’s remorse”. That is, to admit we do have a shopping limit and Jesus the Christ can show us our shopping limit. This is prayerful discernment right in the middle of our consumer society. It is acknowledging our Holy Communion with Jesus in the on-line or brick store.

To buy without remorse is to face our shopping limit in Christ before “buyer’s remorse” has a chance to kick-in.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry