The Justice Corner

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A critical principle underpinning Justice is Human Responsibility. It stresses that each of us has a responsibility for Justice – to learn about it; to practice it; and to promote it.

In his outstanding book “Bringing Forth Justice” Archbishop Daniel Pilarzek says: “If things can be improved, if the goods of the world can be better used and more fairly distributed, if human dignity can be more effectively fostered, it is up to ordinary human beings……….to see that the improvements take place”.

And “If there is injustice, if the rights of human beings are being violated, it is up to other human beings……. to do something about it. Ordinary [people] can and must be the agents of God in bringing forth Justice”.

Therefore people, whether acting as individuals or as part of an organization, need to: …..“have some idea about Justice rights and responsibilities and [be] willing to take the trouble to think about what is needed……. to promote Justice most effectively.”

“We cannot say that we are doing our part for Justice if we refuse to become involved in the process that provides the means for Justice to be done…….”

In effect, what Archbishop Pilarczyk is saying as a spokesman for Jesus and His Church is that when it comes to Justice, we’re all in this together, and we all need to play our part. For children of God Justice is not an option.

“The right thing to do and the hard thing to do are usually the same”. Steve Maraboli, Author