

Day 229 – Wednesday, November 4 – The Day After

Last night I had a mtg until 8:15pm and after the mtg I tuned into the results of the US election. It was still early so I went upstairs to watch a movie. Throughout the movie I would come back down and get an update. By 11:00pm it was time to go to bed and there was no end in sight. I left my computer on in case I got up in the middle of the night...which I did...and checked the results...no conclusion. As of this writing there is still no conclusion, and the few sites I logged into, noted that it may not be until later today. Then there are the mail-in ballots that need to be counted. Depending on the results of the mail in ballots we may not know the results for a few days. I find it interesting that both sides are claiming victory.

What I find most interesting is that the country that boasts of being a bastion of democracy is attempting to circumnavigate the election process. I understand that the Supreme court has stated that ballots received three days after will be counted (as it takes time to go through the mail). Yet there are parties that do not want this to happen. My question is what happened to democracy? Are we being so caught up in our own pride that we no longer care about what our neighbour desires. Is our selfishness for power becoming more dominant than our love of neighbour.

In a society that no longer respects preborn life, or aged life, it seems we are no longer respecting all life in-between. I can only ask you all to pray that this trend begins to reverse itself. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters to the south, that regardless of the outcome, that peace of God would prevail.

“Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, champagne in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming “WOO HOO what a ride!” (Hunter S. Thompson)

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Kaptein