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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The subject of immigration is deeply polarizing, making family gatherings awkward (like Thanksgiving), and where even spouses can find themselves on opposing sides. But part of the reason it is so polarizing is because it is crucially important: immigration matters. We should burn some brain cells on this subject and reflect on why it's important.

Bishop Taylor has written a thoroughly Christian and moral approach to understand immigration that we should prayerfully consider. Whenever I find myself beginning to disagree with the bishop, I recall: "He's a successor of the 12 Apostles and I'm not." As a consequence, I should give him the benefit of the doubt because he has the benefit of the Holy Spirit!

Our modern culture frequently succumbs to "sound-byte theology" which grabs our attention or is funny but also superficial and misleading. Instead, Bishop Taylor's pastoral letter is a very systematic and spiritual analysis of immigration from the perspective of the Catholic faith. Even if you disagree, at least be knowledgeable about what the Catholic Church in fact teaches.

In order to try to get Bishop's Taylor's pastoral letter into as many hands as possible, we are utilizing social media and email. This format might allow you to read it wherever you are: in an airport, on the road (not while you're driving), during commercials of football games. The best place to read it would be in church before the Blessed Sacrament.

Love and blessings,

Fr. John K. Antony

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