

Assumption Seminary
Our Lady's Chapel
Lectio for Mass on Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

“Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves...! You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured... You did not seek the last, but you lorded it over them harshly and brutally. I am coming against these shepherds...”
(Ezekiel 34:1-11)

In his letter to the People of God, Pope Francis in response to the report on sexual abuse caused by significant number of clerics and consecrated persons; affirmed:
“With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner... we showed no care for the little ones, we abandoned them... And quoting Benedict XVI –reaffirmed:
“How much filth there is in the Church... How much pride, how much self-complacency.”
(Viacrucis, Good Friday, 2005)

Cuánta suciedad hay en la Iglesia?

What can we do? The answer is given by Pope Francis in his statement: Penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. We need to walk on the path of the gospel. We need to dedicate time to understand Jesus' logic. We need to understand the freedom of Jesus the Master who does what He wish with his own money. We need to understand his generosity to be where we should be. Our place is his place and He is always taking care of the little ones.

To get His logic, to imitate his attitudes we should dedicate ourselves in discerning our vocation to announce His gospel being witnesses of his generosity and not “Lords” to be served. Real penance means more time to pray with His words, more dedication to live in simplicity of life, more time to assimilate His teachings and to commit ourselves to live in a kenotic way, the only possible way to be what God has called us to be.