

In general, I am not a fan of technology, I prefer manual transmissions, books that are in paper form, music played from an instrument and face to face conversations. Technology has its uses don't get me wrong. I am communicating to all of you through a laptop, that will send a file over the internet to another person who will check heavily for spelling and grammar before formatting a bulletin and sending that file to a printer.

When I taught high school one of the great evils of the internet, was and remains, social media. When I was a youth, if you fought with a friend, it was the cold shoulder and then a conversation a few days later. Now everyone knows about it and feels they have the responsibility to weigh in. There is no one on one conversation, no chance for brotherly or sisterly correction, instead of thinking about what I had done and trying to learn, in today's online world I would spend all my time defending myself from inhumane cowardly attacks.

The second part of our Gospel this weekend relates to apostolic authority. Remember Christ is speaking to the first Pope and Bishops of our Church. Again, the same line Christ gives St. Peter "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven" is applied to all the disciples in this Gospel. Christ is highlighting the importance for all of them to correct each other and make decisions together. I believe technology has made the world smaller, which is a good thing for communication. But technologies' influence on the Church as she debates modern moral issues detracts from the conversation, limits its ability to delve deeply because it wants answers right now. God's

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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