

The eight beatitudes of the politician

1. Blessed the politician who has a high knowledge and a deep consciousness of his role.

The Second Vatican Council defined politics as a “difficult, but at the same time, very noble art” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 75). Midst in the phenomenon of globalization, such a claim is still true: to the weakness and fragility of the global economic mechanisms it can only be responded with the force of a global policy based on globally shared values.

2. Blessed the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Today, scandals in the world of politics do multiply and so reduce the reliability of its protagonists. To overturn this situation, we need a strong response, a response which implies reform and purification in order to rehabilitate the image of the politician.

3. Blessed the politician who works for the common good and not for his own sake.

In order to live this beatitude, the politician should ask his conscience and question himself: am I working for my people or for myself? Am I working for my country, for the culture? Am I working in order to honour morality? Am I working for mankind?

4. Blessed the politician who remains coherent.

There is a need of coherence between his faith and his life as a person engaged in politics, of a determined coherence between his words and his actions, of a coherence which honours and respects the electoral promises.

5. Blessed the politician who works for unity.

And, making Jesus the fulcrum of unity, thus defends it. Because division is self - destruction.

6. Blessed the politician who works for the realization of a radical change.

This change shall occur by fighting against the intellectual perversion, by refusing to call good that which is evil, by not confining religion to the private sphere, by establishing the priorities of one’s own choices on the basis of faith. There is only one “Magna Charta”: the Gospel.

7. Blessed the politician who is able to listen.

Who listens to the people before, during and after the elections; who listens to his conscience; and who listens to God in prayer. His activity will so achieve certainty, reliability and effectiveness.

8. Blessed the politician who has no fear.

No fear first of all “of the truth”. “Truth”, tells us Pope Paul John II, “does not need votes!”. And blessed the politician who has no fear of the mass media, because at the time of judgment he will answer only to God, not to the media!