

CO-RESPONSIBILITY- a reflection!

I'm often amazed at the depth of wisdom and humility that people reveal simply in the course of a conversation. A priest friend of mine recently shared with me one such occasion from a parishioner when she said, *"Father I often go to bed with a deep sense of sadness as I believe that I am indirectly responsible for the drug culture wars in our local area."* The priest then gently asked her to expand on this statement, she said; *"Well I see myself as being part of a community who obviously have not given a good enough example to our younger generation to creatively contribute to community life."*

I doubt that anyone who reads this reflection when thinking seriously about their life would not have some sense of regret in what they have done or failed to do in passing on a credible heritage for a future generation. I definitely have some regrets!

We are now living in what is known as the *consumer* age where there is a widespread mentality for many people to acquire things and then not look for ways to creatively contribute. We should never underestimate the place of media advertising in creating this culture.

Jesus of Nazareth had something to say about this reality even 2,000 years ago in these words; *"How can you believe since you seek glory from one another, but you don't seek the glory that comes from God."* (John Chapter 5 verse 44) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*