

St Francis Admonition Day 29

That the Servants of God should honour Clerics.

Blessed is the servant of God who exhibits confidence in clerics who live uprightly according to the form of the holy Church. Woe to those people who despise the cleric. Even if the clerics may be sinners, no one ought to judge them. Because the Lord Himself reserves to Himself alone the right of judging them.

For their duty of administering the holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which they receive and which they alone administer to others—is greater than all others. So, the sin of those who offend against the cleric is greater than any sin against all the other people in this world.