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- **To our F.6 leavers, and to our Si Hing Mr Donald Tsang**

My dear F.6 brothers, at your last Assembly, let me say this to you:

“Once a Wahyanite, forever a Wahyanite!
Wah Yan will always be your home!”

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Before I come back to you, let me talk about two high profile court cases recently. Both are tragic.

First, the case of the “7 policemen”. There are many lessons for us. But here I just want to talk about Justice and Love.

I am not a Catholic, but I have learnt a lot from the Catholic faith at Wah Yan (and I am still learning). One extremely important thing I have learnt is that we are all sinners, yet loved. We have all sinned, but all of us have the chance for redemption.

But does it mean that it is OK to sin? No. When Jesus says he loves us – I think he is not saying that it is alright for us to sin. I bet he feels great pain, seeing us sin.

How I see it is: there is a distinction between the sin and the sinner. The sin, the action, is to be condemned. The sinner is responsible, so he does need to take responsibility. **But the sin does not represent his whole being. Neither does the sin represent his whole future.**

So it is possible to tell someone he/she has done something wrong, that you don’t condone this wrongful act, but that you still love him/her. It is possible to not object to him/her paying the painful price of the consequences of the wrongful deed but share the feeling of pain at the same time.

This case also gets us to reflect about Honor – something important to us gentlemen (and I think to ladies too!). What does it mean to be honorable?

To be always a winner? To be always right? And that when one is not, one tries to pretend that one still is?

Or instead, should being honorable mean that one is able to face oneself truthfully and accept defeat graciously? And in the case of being wrong, admit one is wrong, and accept the consequences responsibly?

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The other high profile court case is about our Si Hing Mr Donald Tsang. Given what has happened to him, what will I say to him if I meet him? This is what I'll say:

“Once a Wahyanite, forever a Wahyanite!
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Does it mean I agree with everything he does? Does it mean I disagree with the guilty verdict? No. If he has indeed done something wrong, he needs to accept the consequences. That is for the court to decide.

What I am trying to say is, this does not mean we shall disown him. **In fact, this is the time when our love is most important to him.**

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So my F.6 Si Dai, no matter what happens to you - in victory or in defeat, in honor or in shame - you are always a Wahyanite, and this is always your home!

Of course, I do wish that you have the wisdom to always find the path of honor.

May God bless you all!

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