FATHER KEN’S KORNER

During this ongoing anniversary of the Vatican II Council, we continue our exploration of the Vatican II documents as a faith community with...

Apostolicam Actuositatem
(Decree on the Apostolate of the Lay People): Part 1

Today we consider Vatican II document 12 of 16 which addresses the vocation of the Catholic layperson. This topic was touched on, in part, in Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution of the Church) and in Gaudium Et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) where sections of text were devoted to tasks and roles best suited for the laity. However, in Apostolicam Actuositatem, the entire document looks at the lay component of the Church in the same way Vatican II dedicated specific documents to bishops, ordained ministers, Catholic educators, seminarians and religious. This document addresses the lay missionary role, lay spirituality, and the various lay apstolates ranging from church governance to evangelization and faith formation to social services to necessary training in order to more effectively respond to God’s call.

The document observed that “present circumstances…demand an apostolate infinitely broader and more intense” due to world population increase, advances in science and technology and greater connectivity (due to developments in communications and travel, etc.) (1). Lay expertise and specialization is critical for addressing the related opportunities and challenges that face us as a result of these types of changes. The following are some of the main areas of focus that the document highlights:

Participation of the laity in the mission of the Church – The mission of the Church is, collectively, the work of the sum of its members. “The whole body achieved full growth in dependence on the full functioning of each part” (2). In the strongest words possible, this section of the document suggests that any individual who fails to do their part is not only worthless to the whole body but even to themselves. No individual member can remain fully passive in the work of the Church (2).

Foundations of the lay apostolate – The term “lay apostolate” refers to the various forms of ministerial service that the lay people of the Church are engaged in globally. Where each lay person chooses to engage in depends on prayerful discernment and recognition of individual charisms or gifts given them via the Holy Spirit. When these gifts are properly recognized and utilized in service to the gospel, one can speak of discovering their vocation within the Church (3).

The spirituality of lay people – The fruitfulness of one’s apostolic work is fully dependent on one’s personal relationship (in faith, hope and charity) with God. An authentic relationship with God should not be separate from worldly concerns but should instead penetrate into family life, career and all other temporal endeavors. “This lay spirituality will take its particular character from the circumstances of one’s state in life (married and family life, celibacy, widowhood), from one’s state of health and from one’s professional and social activity” (4).

Objectives of the lay apostolate – The principle aim of all apostolic works of the Church is the salvation of souls. To that end, the lay person’s vocation is exercised both in the Church and, simultaneously, in the world. However, though the range of activity that they engage in might vary, the lay person must always live according to the Christian conscience and avoid living a double life. The Christian standard should apply to all activity (5). “The true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers to draw them towards faith, or to the faithful to instruct them, strengthen them, incite them to a more fervent life; ‘for Christ’s love urges us on’ and in the hearts of all should the apostle’s words find echo: ‘Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel” (6).

Tune in next week for part two of Apostolicam Actuositatem.
OCTOBER -- RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Pope Francis, who has captivated the world with his humility and compassion, shows through his actions that “even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect” (2013 Day for Life Greeting).

During October, Respect Life Month, we are each called to witness, in our own way, to the powerful and life-transforming love of Christ and to the respect and reverence that is due to each person as a “masterpiece of God’s creation.”

THE PATRICIANS - CATHOLIC DISCUSSION
The Patricians will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, October 20th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic: Are millions condemned if they don't believe in Christ? Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor. Come have a coffee and a treat and meet with your fellow Catholics.

Ever learning, ever young.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS
2424 N. Pac. Hwy., Medford 541-772-3828

St Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help with food bag set up and handling in our Shepherd of the Valley Food Pantry. Please come join our other wonderful volunteers, who work together as Christ’s hands, feet and heart to bring something as simple but life sustaining as food, to the needy of Jackson County.

A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!
Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the New Testament with Father Ken Sampson
Thursdays -- 1:30-2:30 or 7:00-8:00PM
In the Parish Hall Drop ins welcome!

NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE (NVCSS)
ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO ASSIST WEED, CA, DISASTER EFFORTS
Send checks to:
North Valley Catholic Social Service c/o Weed Fire Fund/Disaster Relief 2400 Washington Ave.
Redding, CA 96001

SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING
The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting every third Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. If you are feeling the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Oct. 13: +Gloria Schudawa
T. Oct. 14: Phil & Maureen Hunkler
W. Oct. 15: +Fannie Gidari
Th. Oct. 16: Starr Davis
F. Oct. 17: +Robert Loepker

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
M. Oct. 13: +Ron Vincent
T. Oct. 14: +Michael Porras
W. Oct. 15: Chelo & Jason Thomas
Th. Oct. 16: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
F. Oct. 17: +Eugene Murphy
S. Oct. 18: +Lucy & +Jared Caires

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially:
+Steve Rayburn, +George Farineau, +Lorraine Mussack, and +Alan Henning and for their families.
DOCTOR EARL PARRISH AND WIFE ROSEMARY ON MISSION IN AFRICA
We have been here in a small village in Cameroon. Our surgical work is well underway. Rosemary & I are healthy and we feel blessed to be able to use our skills to help the people here. The hospital here is St. Martin de Porres and there are 5 MDs here as well as 25 Franciscan Sisters who work in Nursing & Administration and also teach in the Parish High School. The people here are very friendly & have welcomed us. There is much poverty & most people earn about $30/month. Hospital costs are very cheap but out of reach to many. It costs $1.00/day to stay in the hospital, but surgery costs $10-$300 depending on time & complexity. Families have to cook the meals for the patient outside in the village & bring the food in at mealtime.
We have a blog about our work here if you have time to follow us.
Blog address: earlandrosemaryincameroon.blogspot.com/

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE
Reminder:
Fall Clean-up October 18th at St. Joseph's Church in Jacksonville.
Contact Leslie for details: (925) 324-0252

COFFEE & DONUTS  hosted by:
October 12: Catholic Daughters
October 26: 7:00 - Paul Stancel / John Meenaghan
8:30 - The Rostel Family
Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7 and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends - enjoy old ones!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING
Please join us Monday, October 13 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. We are planning a lot of different activities for the coming year and will need your input. All members are encouraged to participate. Hope to see you Monday, October 13!
This meeting will be a potluck.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week
BELLACURE
Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Julia Curiel!
Winner of the Catholic Daughter’s $100 monthly drawing!

“ When you are called from your prayers or the Eucharistic celebration to serve the poor, you lose nothing, since to serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor.”  ~ St. Vincent de Paul

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DENTAL CLINIC
St. Vincent de Paul's Dental Clinic has an immediate need for two volunteers for a one-morning -a-month dental clinic. Reliability and confidentiality are a must, but no dental skills required.
Please call Paulene at 541-973-3965, or Kris at 541-890-3164.

Financial Report

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Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish.
Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It was a pleasure to meet a good number of parish families last Sunday, as SHCS hosted coffee and donuts after the 7:00 and 8:30 morning Masses. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. I would like to reiterate our appreciation for the support that the parish lends, and individual parish members and families lend, to our school's important ministry and mission. As you know, our school is committed not only to excellence in academics, athletics, and activities that comprise a well-rounded and holistic education, but especially to Catholic principles and values, and the faith and spiritual growth and development of each of our students. Thank you again, also, for your continued support, as you may be inspired or able, by way of:

Visiting the school
Attending events
Purchasing scrip (gift cards) after Mass or at the school
Supporting our fundraiser events (like Jog-a-thon, Annual Fund, and Auction)
And especially, helping us spread the word, with your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances with school-aged children, about our outstanding school and the lasting educational value attendance provides.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Yours in Christ,
Patrick Gross
Principal

DID YOU KNOW that our 8th Grade, as an "Outdoor School" experience extending learning beyond the classroom, is gearing up for a trip this spring to Washington D.C., where students will be able to see our nation's government in action?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Community of Faith and Learning

SUPPORT THE SCOUTS!
Cub Scout Pack 1 will be selling popcorn after Mass this weekend. We have many flavors and varieties for sale and 70% of the sales returns to local Scouting. The scouts use this fundraiser to cover the cost of their dues, their uniforms, and programs like summer camp. We appreciate your support!

SCOUTING - CHECK IT OUT!
Scouting is an effective way to help Catholic youths to do their duty to God and to their country. Scouting builds character and teaches devotion to God in an environment that provides wholesome fun under the guidance of strong adult role models. Are you a young man looking for adventure, friendship and fun? If you're a boy age 11, or at least 10 and have completed the fifth grade, or have earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award, to 17 years old, the time for a real adventure is now.

For more information on Boy Scouts Troop 1...please contact Megan Sandlin at 541-664-3221 or visit www.facebook.com/Troop1Medford.
Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact Information: Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.org, if needed request her cell number via email.

Church Gear!
It’s HERE! The SHYM will be taking orders for Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gear on the weekends of October 25th and November 1st after all the Masses. What’s for sale: Hats, Bags, Polo’s for men and women, Jackets for men and women and more! Orders will also be taken throughout the week of October 27th in the office. Money is due at the time your order is placed. Cash and Checks accepted. Keep an eye out in next week’s bulletin for more information. All proceeds will aid our Archdiocesan Youth Conference in Seaside taking place the weekend of November 21st 2014.

Adopt a Confirmandi!
Our Confirmation Youth have begun their classes. It is a goal to have a personal intercessor for each youth throughout the year as the students go through their confirmation preparation classes. If you would like to adopt a Confirmandi and pray for them throughout the year please contact Whitney.

A NOTE TO THE PARENTS! SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
Our Youth Minister has worked hard to compile a schedule of events. Please refer to this schedule for information about Youth Group events. For an electronic copy, e-mail a request to Whitney Compton in the parish office.

Called to Protect – Parent Presentation
Parents of youth join us for a presentation for you. This valuable information will help you keep your child safe in an ever growing globalized world. The CTP Parent Presentation will be presented by Mary Stallard and Whitney Compton. It will take place on October 12, 2014 from 4-5pm in the Parish Hall (location subject to change).

Core Team
If you are interested in Core Team please fill out the Core Team Application and contact Whitney Compton.

Young Adults Age 18-35:
Want to be with other young Catholic adults who are also seeking a good community to be a part of? We are looking to begin a Young Adult Program here at Sacred Heart! First we need to know who is interested! If you are interested fill out the Young Adult Community Registration Form (this form does not lock you into any specific event). Forms are available in the back of the Church or by contacting Whitney Compton.

Archdiocesan Youth Conference – ADYC in Seaside!
The Fundraiser is planned! We will be selling Church Gear after all Masses on Saturday October 25th and Sunday October 26th and again on Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd. There will be more details next weekend and at youth group this weekend. ADYC is currently FULL! Your Registration Packet for ADYC is due by October 9th 2014. If you need a registration packet please see Whitney Compton in the Parish Office.

Youth Group (Middle School and High School):
Please remember in order for your son/daughter to participate they must be registered. Grab a registration packet after Church and return to Whitney Compton.

Sacred Heart Religious Education
Please give your children the gift of enriching their Catholic Faith and enroll them our Religious Education program at Sacred Heart.
Religious Education Classes are for children Preschool through 5th Grade at Sacred Heart School every Sunday from 9:50 to 11:15 a.m. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at Sacred Heart School at the beginning of each scheduled Sunday class. The School cafeteria will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Then at 9:50 we begin with a Family Group prayer session. The children then assemble and depart for classes as a class group. Parents are invited to stay and talk with other parents over coffee. Classes times are set so Mass times at the Church (7, 8:30, or noon) work easily!!
For further details contact Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107
SACRED HEART MIDDLE SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS
The 13th Annual Haunted House! Here to Scare All who Dare!
Friday and Saturday,
October 24th and 25th 6:00 – 8:00PM
Admission is $4.00 per ghoul
All Re-Hauntings half price (if you have any screams left!) Special punch-cards available for those who can’t get enough! Also, come see the Ghost Town with Carnival games geared toward younger students not ready for the Haunted House Scare Factor! Games include a trick-or-treat walk, frightening fish pond, batty bean-bag toss, and more. Advanced sale punch cards at the SHCS front office.
The Haunted House is located in the gym at 11th and Holly Streets. For questions call Chris at 772-4105!
Appease your Spirits at the Refreshment Stand
Soda, Pizza and Candy
Give your screams a break at our Snack Tables!

Sacred Heart School
TEXAS HOLD’EM FUNDRAISER!
Saturday, November 8, 2014
Come join us for our Poker Tournament to benefit the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC.
Bring your friends and family! Entry Deadline is October 29th
Knights of Columbus Hall 772 Black Oak Dr. Medford
4:00 PM—Registration/Dinner 5:00 PM—Tournament Begins
Payout 1st place $300.00, 2nd place $150.00 3rd place: $75.00
You can pick up a registration at the Sacred Heart School front office!
431 S. Ivy (Corner of Ivy and 11th St.) Questions? Call 541 772-4105