

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A)

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36 GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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...

Perfectae Caritatis

(Decree on the Up-To-Date Renewal of Religious Life)

This weekend, we come to the seventh of sixteen Vatican II documents. Here we consider another of the key component parts of the Church which is consecrated religious life. Whereas diocesan clergy might be thought of as generalists who deal with the full range of ministerial requests that parish life has to offer, religious clergy and brothers and sisters are, in contrast, specialists. Religious communities are made up of like-minded individuals who feel called to serve God and the Church through a particular form of ministry and/or spirituality. For instance, a religious order may focus exclusively on missionary work within a specific country or particular ethnic group. They may engage in retreat work, TV and radio, school administration or teaching, etc. These specializations are referred to as charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit to be used in service to the Church. They may also engage in the same types of ministry as other religious communities but viewed through the unique prism of prayer associated with their particular spiritual founder. These various ministries are all treasures of the Church. But as with all human endeavors, there is a constant need to reform and renew. Religious life is no exception. That is the theme that this document takes up. In its opening remarks the document reaffirmed the excellence of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience that religious community members promise as they try to more radically conform themselves to Christ. The Church also wanted to reaffirm the value of the varied expressions of religious life that sprang up over the centuries through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The document goes on to say that, "the more fervently [these vowed religious] join themselves to Christ by the gift of their whole life, the fuller does the Church's life become and the more vigorous and fruitful its apostolate" (1). By examining and reforming "the life and discipline of those institutes whose members make profession", as needed, the Church insures the continued fruitfulness of the life of the Church (1).

The principle means of renewal that the Vatican II Council advised over and over again in this case was to "return to the sources" (2). This phrase implied a two-fold exploration. First it meant taking into consideration our baptismal promises through which all of the baptized share in a universal call to holiness by virtue of being children of God by adoption. This point is key because baptism is our original Christian consecration and it supersedes one's consecration in religious life. Religious consecration should enhance and not compete with one's baptismal consecration. Second, "going back to the sources" meant going back to "the primitive inspiration of the institutes" by reconsidering the vision and the driving motives of the religious founders of the order who saw a need for the existence of the order in the first place. The document referred to this original purpose as its "principle character and function" (2). One might read here that the Church was calling upon orders to discontinue ministry and prayer practices that represented a departure from the original spirit of the order and to examine community disciplines to make sure they were supporting the basic goals of the order. For example, if the order was originally called to live the contemplative life, make sure that the community schedule is conducive to achieving that goal. If the order was originally founded to work with the poor or the immigrant, make sure that mission is still being fulfilled in our current modern context. These same religious orders were also asked to make sure that "the manner of life, of prayer and of work should be in harmony with the present-day physical and psychological condition of the members" (3). In this, the Church was intending that community's social and spiritual practices would be lived out within healthy parameters in order to assist its members in becoming holier and more loving and that its form of governance would help to support that lifestyle. If disciplinary customs had been allowed to creep into community life over time that were acting as a hindrance to those goals they should be done away with. The full task given to the orders then was actually something of a challenge: identify the principle character of the order and get back in touch with it if necessary while at the same time making sure that that spiritual character remains relevant to our modern times. In other words, reconnect the historical roots of the order to our present circumstances.

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FATHER KEN'S KORNER CONTINUED

Perfectae Caritatis goes on to reiterate these points in detail but it is these very details of implementation that generally pose the greatest challenges to reform. For example, the document points out that "the religious habit [uniform]... must be in keeping with the requirements of health and it must be suited to the times and place and to the needs of the apostolate" (17). Some orders interpreted this to mean that doing away with the ancient habit in favor of modern clothing styles was meant (perhaps to the detriment of members of those orders being readily identifiable as religious). In addition, some orders did away with so many disciplinary and spiritual practices of their communities that they risked no longer being recognizable as consecrated communities. And as a result of the rapid changes that inevitably came, many left religious life after Vatican II. Positive changes came as well though. For instance, the document encouraged less of a

distinction between ordained members of religious orders and non-ordained in men's orders, for instance. These communities started living more as one rather than two sub-communities (15). Men and women lay religious were encouraged to pursue more rigorous academic and spiritual formation so many began to attain master and doctoral degrees (18). And though the document warned not to allow the excessive formation of religious communities until it could be determined that they could support themselves with both finances and numbers and only if the ministry they provided was truly beneficial to the Church many new orders also sprang up after Vatican II. These new orders have shared in the work of reform and have helped to implement the spirit of Vatican II within the Church. One thing is certain. The need for reform will always be present in the Church. Tune in next week for document #8 (*Optatum Totius*) on the training of priests.



A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!

ANNOUNCING... "Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the New Testament



with Father Ken Sampson

When: Thursdays... Afternoon Session: 1:30-2:30 pm

- Or -

Evening Session: 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Beginning: September 11th

Would you like to be part of a group Bible study rather than struggling along on your own? This is your opportunity to experience something different. Enhance your prayer by studying and praying with the Scriptures. Experience good Christian fellowship. Do something spiritually rewarding with your spouse, family or friends. Join us this September-May for part 2 of our 2 year journey through the Bible as we take a closer look at the New Testament. Did you miss out on our study of the Old Testament? No worries! This study works as a stand alone too. Call our parish office or drop by to sign up.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Benjamin Tatum, Louise Gorman, Helen Puccetti, Ferrel Cunningham, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Robert Goodhead, Cynthia Sugiyura, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Kathy Kim, Jean Roan, Paul Zeleznik, Jeffrey Techau, Patti Otto, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Connie Moyer, Steve Rayburn, Beth Curl, Pedro Picazzo III, Lenore Leines, Margaret Mucha, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, Lisa Young, Annelies Boivin, Nanette Hall, Eileen Van Dyck, Pamela Demian, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Rachel Scott, John Kuchler, Patti Wittenbrock, Jennifer White, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, and for their families, especially: +Homer Kesler, +Alice Blenkush and +Richard Morgan.

NEW EVANGELIZATION STUDY

Starting September 11, 2014, our parish will begin the **Catholicism: The New Evangelization** study program. This program is based on the documentary by Fr. Robert Barron which focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on a mission with a message of great joy. This is a 7 week study and will be held in the Parish Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is free, there is an optional workbook available for \$25. For registration or additional information please contact Dawna McGill (541) 512-0471 or mcgilldlj@clearwire.net

“The New Evangelization calls all followers of Christ to be formed in the faith, celebrate the faith, and be witnesses to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the Good News to all people everywhere, starting with those in our own Church.” ~ US Bishops, Communities of Salt and Light

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC? COME AND SEE!

Is God calling you – or someone you know – to possibly become a fully initiated Catholic? Come, look into it. If you are an adult who is thinking about becoming Catholic, or have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized, or are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion, we invite you to attend our **RCIA. Weekly RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children begin on Tuesday, September 16, in the Parish Hall. Adults meet from 6:30-8:00; older children and teens meet from 7:00-8:00.**

At these informative and friendly sessions, you’ll become acquainted with the Catholic faith and our parish community. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish Office or abrophy@shcs.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Financial Report

	8/10/2014	8/11/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$14,785.86	\$15,164.73
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$101,969.68	\$102,394.47
Needed for Budget	\$108,865.38	\$108,331.73
Over (under) Budget	(\$6,895.70)	(\$5,937.26)

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish!

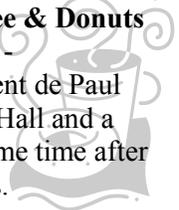
COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

August 24 - No Coffee & Donuts

August 31 - 7 & 8:30 -

St. Vincent de Paul

Enjoy the cool of the Hall and a coffee/donut at the same time after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.



POWERFUL PRAYER

The Rosary is prayed in the church at 8:00 a.m. Monday -- Saturday before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. A leader is assigned, but parishioners are welcome to lead a decade.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 25: +Mary Maddox
 T. August 26: +Jerry Baird
 W. August 27: +Marianne Owens
 Th. August 28: +Julie Mazon
 F. August 29: Pam Wood

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. August 25: +Joseph Burboa
 T. August 26: John Meenaghan
 W. August 27: +Florinda Souza
 Th. August 28: +Joseph Burboa
 F. August 29: +Janice Gnos
 S. August 30: +Enrico Console

BECOME A LECTOR OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER!

It's such a rewarding ministry, and **we need you!** Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at **all** the Masses. For Lector training, please contact Ann Brophy. A new Eucharistic Minister training will be held on Thursday, 9/4 at 3:30 in the church, or call Ann to schedule another time, if needed. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ann at abrophy@shcs.org or the parish office. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is seeking a part-time (15 hrs/wk) Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support, reception, and maintenance of parish records for parish office.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate the offertory collection process
- Maintain church sacramental records
- Maintain parish registration records
- Record contributions to parishioners' records
- Screen calls, answer questions, and greet and receive visitors to parish
- Process accounts payable payments to vendors

Qualifications and Skills:

- Bi-lingual in English and Spanish
- Understanding of general principles of office operations and secretarial procedures.
- Proficiency with computer, calculator (10 key by touch) and all basic office equipment.
- Demonstrated proficiency with word processing, accounting and database software.
- Excellent communication skills (both verbal and written).
- Organizational skills with ability to meet deadlines and prioritize workload.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail with ability to maintain confidentiality.

Please mail resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or email to: mchandler@archdpdx.org.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to come over Wednesday morning for coffee & muffins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Stay for the meeting if you wish. Guaranteed to be a good start to your day!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF RAFFLE -- TICKETS (\$5)

Tickets on sale after the 5:30 Saturday, noon and 1:30 Mass this Sunday. Two winning tickets! Each winner will receive a quarter of a grass fed steer - the very best - cut and wrapped - an \$800 value! Proceeds will benefit local charities.

**Get your ticket before they are all gone.
Only 1000 tickets being sold
they are going fast!**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Vincent de Paul is having a **Direct Appeal Fundraiser Luncheon** on Wednesday, September 17 -- 12-1:30 p.m. at the Inn at the Commons 200 N Riverside Medford. The event is called the **Light the Winter Fires Fundraiser** with proceeds being used to help us help others during the cold winter months keep a roof over their heads and the heat on. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 5 reserve a place or a table. Your donation is needed! 100 percent of all funds collected go directly to help those in need. Volunteers are always needed to help us do the work of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support.



11th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEAR NOT! Is the theme of the 11th Annual Catholic Charismatic Women's Retreat to be hosted by St. Rita Retreat Center from September 19 through 21, 2014. The retreat will be facilitated by Leslie Bertucci of New Orleans, a wife and mother, who ministers at retreats and conferences across the country. Join other joyful and passionate women for a wonderful weekend of prayer, praise, and relaxation in the beauty of 62 wooded acres with outdoor Stations of the Cross, walking trails, and waterfalls. Register and pay by September 2 and take advantage of the discounted fee of \$135.00 for the retreat program, five meals, and two nights in a shared room with private bath. (The cost is \$150.00 after that date.) To register and receive all the details, call Fr. Stephen at 541-855-1333 or e-mail weavingthesacred@aol.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

All women are invited to join, come see what we are about.

September meeting: Tuesday September 2nd

We begin in the church with Rosary at 8:00 a.m. followed by 8:30 Mass.

Then to the hall for fellowship (Please bring a snack to share). Meeting begins at 9:30.

We will present the **FIRST Sacred Heart School Scholarships**, will be planning the calendar for the year, and will be reconnecting after our summer off.

Come and meet the new officers:

Regent: Connie Moyer

Vice Regent: Ingrid DeCarlow

Recording Secretary: Linda Olson

Financial Secretary: Alice Fitzgerald

Treasurer: Eileen Shingle

Questions? Call Connie : 541-773-8736

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Registration Forms

Registration Forms this year will be mailed to anyone who attended Religious Education last year.

If you are new to the Parish, forms for Religious Education are available at the doors of the church.

Religious Education forms are also available at the front desk of the Parish.

If have any questions or require clarification please call Mary Stallard at the Parish Office.

As a new School begins remember also to begin or renew your child's faith life and join our wonderful Religious Education Group and Sacrament Program. We meet each Sunday at Sacred Heart School in the cafeteria at 9:50 a.m. for a whole family Assembly. Then the children go to their classes. We have classes Preschool through 5th Grade. We aim to foster a love of God through sharing and learning about our beautiful Catholic Faith. My favorite saying to the children is "It's Cool to Be Catholic!" Be Cool and Come Along and join us!!



Sacrament Preparation Eligibility and Forms

If your child is baptized, in grade 2 – 5, in their 2nd consecutive year of Religious Education and you are registered member of Sacred Heart your child may be eligible for First Communion Preparation.

Classes are held on alternating Wednesdays evenings 6 – 7 p.m. beginning September 24th, 2014.

Enrollment closes September 22nd, 2014

To check on all eligibility requirements please contact

Mary Stallard at the Parish Office

ph# 541-779-4461 ext: 107

Email mstallard@shcs.org

Please leave your name, your child's name and correct phone #; preferred contact time and your email.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

To obtain Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Information Contact:

Whitney Compton wcompton@archdpx.org,

to reach Whitney on her cell phone please e-mail her for her number.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

A schedule of events for Sacred Heart Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation is now available. Pick up yours today in the Parish Office or at the doors of the church!

CORE TEAM – Calling all Young Adults and Sacred Heart Parishioners

Want to be part of a core team of Catechist to pass on the Deposit of Faith to the teens in our parish community? YES? Great! Contact Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton for information and/or to register! There will be a retreat evening for Catechist as well as presenter information coming soon!!! Keep an eye out for more details (the Core Team retreat evening will be for the registered Core Team only).

*Youth Ministry is in need of THREE CORE TEAMS! One for Confirmation which meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM, one for Middle School which meets Sundays from 9:45 - 11:00AM and one for High School which meets Sundays from 6:15 - 7:30PM.

*High School Teens 16 and over who have been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith are eligible to join the Middle School Core Team

*For the safety and protection of our young people: all Core Team members, Sacred Heart parishioners, and parents of youth who wish to serve Sacred Heart Youth Ministry in any capacity are required to undergo a background check through the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and are required to attend the Called to Protect Training with Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for Confirmation is open -- act now! Registration closes Wednesday October 1st 2014. To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton. *contact information above Confirmation registration weekend will take place this weekend and next after all Masses.

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! There will be a registration packet to fill out for each youth attending youth group. Packets are available at the Parish Office and at the doors of the church and **must** be turned in to Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. *contact information above

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION OPENING

Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church, Central Point, has an opening for Office Manager. Duties would include working with staff and volunteers to serve parish needs, organizing, supervising, scheduling, bookkeeping, and other activities associated with overall administration at the parish.

Specific skills necessary include:

Computer literacy including MS Office and Quick-Books

Accounting and bookkeeping skills

Planning and organizational abilities in a team setting are a must

Well developed interpersonal and communication skills with bilingual preferred

Competitive salary with good benefits package

Send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Mike Walker at: mwalker@shepherdcatholic.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES

is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We are experiencing a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our next Orientation Class is September 12 & 13, 2014. For more details or to schedule a Free Informational Interview, you may contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or scass@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.



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PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings.

I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you.

Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength right to the end.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen.

(Source: Diocese of Santa Rose Vocations Office)