

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3 (112A)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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...

Unitatis Redintegratio (Decree on Ecumenism): Part I

This weekend we begin to consider this 5th of 16 Vatican II documents on ecumenism. This document created a watershed moment within Christian history. Prior to its publication, Catholics in many regions of the world often practiced their faith insulated from contact with Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant Christians. Catholics were often instructed not even to attend weddings or funerals if they were taking place at non-Catholic churches. Ecumenical prayer services, Bible studies and joint community projects in service to the poor or for reasons of social justice were often considered almost unthinkable. Even worse, at various times in modern history and in various regions of the world, this division within the greater Christian family has even resulted in violence and oppression. This division is a scandal to the world and a counter-witness against the Good News of the Gospel. Unitatis Redintegratio was a game-changing document because it reminded Catholic clergy and laity alike that they were under the obligation to work toward reuniting the Body of Christ and ending this scandal by working to heal the division among the Christian faithful. It was Jesus himself who prayed for this, that “we might be perfectly one...so that the world might come to believe” (John 17:21). As a result of the dialog that took place during the writing of this document, ecumenism began to be reconsidered, not just as a commendable goal to strive toward but as our Christian obligation. This Vatican II document outlines practices and principles for ecumenical engagement with other Christians and defined the major divisions within Christianity. The document also strongly states in the opening paragraph that “the restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principle concerns of [Vatican II]” (1).

In discussing basic ecumenical principles, the document points out that, out of a desire that all might be saved, God established the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. From that Church, he gave humanity the gift of the Eucharist, which is both a symbol and source of unity. He also established a body of shepherds for that Church through his selection of the Twelve Apostles under the leadership of Peter, the first pope. Part of the task given to them was to preserve the unity of the faithful. From generation to generation, this magisterial authority has continued to teach, govern and sanctify God's holy people. Through the centuries,

the pope and bishops in union with him established the content of sacred scripture and tradition, set norms for liturgical worship, articulated the doctrine of faith we hold to and steered its growth, all for the sake of holding us together in one communion of faith. This pilgrim Church, in its global form today, acts as a “standard lifted on high for the nations to see” (2).

Tragically, despite all this, no generation of the faithful has been spared from division or disagreement. In later centuries, some rifts and dissensions were so intense that entire communities broke from full communion with the Church. The document makes two important points about these divisions, however. First, in each case, these divisions were caused by sinfulness on both sides. Therefore, if blame is to be assigned, it needs to be shared. No one should attempt to stand above the fray and claim innocence because sin always wounds the unity of the Body of Christ. Secondly, those who are born into separated Christian communities today are not to be seen in the same light as those who originally helped to contribute to those initial divisions. Nevertheless, doctrinal differences as well as differences in worship and practice do exist today within the greater Christian family. These differences are not simply superficial or rhetorical in nature. Rather, these differences represent real obstacles (some quite significant) to the kind of Christian unity we are all called to work toward. At the same time, those areas we hold in common (sacred scripture, doctrine, liturgy, etc.) “belong by right to the one Church of Christ” (i.e. the Catholic Church) even when they exist outside the institutional Catholic Church. That is because, as an historical fact, all authentic expressions of the Christian faith that have survived to us today were first of all gathered, developed and passed on to future generations through the mother church which is the Catholic Church. This needs to be mentioned not for triumphal effect but to emphasize clearly God's intent that there be only one united Christian Church. And even when fellow Christians are no longer on speaking terms or meaningfully connected with us, it is our common bond of baptism and our ability to pray the “Our Father” that testify to the remnants of this oneness. In the words of St. Paul (Eph. 4:4-6), there is “one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” It remains our task as Christians to work to reestablish this oneness with God's help. Tune in next week as I conclude my summary and reflection on Unitatis Redintegratio.



QUOTES FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEENS WHO JOURNEYED TO STEUBENVILLE

Steubenville was a great experience for me to grow deeper into my faith and be more open to God's plan for me. ~ Kierstyn Jantzer

Steubenville opened my mind and heart to our Lord more than I imagined.

God is Alive.
~ Miriam Manzano

At Steubenville, I was given the opportunity to understand that I am truly cared about and loved by God. My eyes were open, and now I am starting to see. ~ Heather Moore

Going on this trip deepened my faith and love with God.
~ Fiona Wheeler



The conference taught me that I am not alone in my faith and that spreading our Catholic faith is vital for the continuance of our faith. Thank you to all who supported our trip with prayers and donations. ~ Annette Rostel

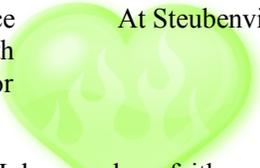
God transformed my life during the benediction during the Eucharistic adoration.

~ Anthony Bock

Steubenville has taught me a lot about my faith and has brought me closer to God.
~ anonymous

I have never felt so much love and support at one point of time. I felt a special connection with God that is unlike any other and it will never be broken. ~ Alissa Larson

At Steubenville I learned to love myself through God's eyes. Anonymous



I deepened my faith, and relationship with God on this retreat.
~ Gabe Fitzpatrick

Patience is a virtue.
~ Trevor Jantzer

One way the Lord captured me is to see the world differently and find the good in it. ~ anonymous



Seeing what Jesus is capable of made my faith much stronger. ~



God still loves you even if you have problems.
~ Jacob Cannon

At Steubenville I learned that believing in God is more than feeling.
~ anonymous

God is love, so why not love him.
~ Teresa Madera

Before Steubenville I had a hard time being proud to be Catholic. But after my experience there, my heart has been refilled with love for my faith. I can only pray that more people my age experience this! ~ Ariana Postigo

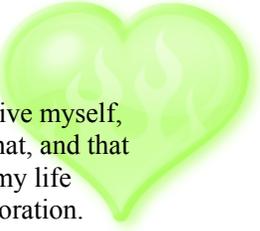


Steubenville opened my heart to my vocation. ~ Cristian Mendoza

Through the Steubenville conference I have realized how amazing the Eucharist is and what a great gift it is from God that should not be taken for granted. ~ Patrice Jones



At Steubenville I learned to forgive myself, that Jesus loves me no matter what, and that I always have a chance to start my life again through confession and adoration.
~ anonymous

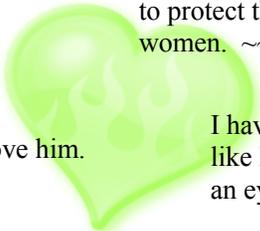


My experience at Steubenville was life changing because I felt God with me through the whole retreat. ~ Estrella M.



The Steubenville Conference made me recognize we have to protect the dignity of women. ~ anonymous

I haven't ever felt the Holy Spirit like I did at Steubenville. It was an eye opener. ~ Andrew Cutler



God is forgiveness.
~ Melissa Lara



Steubenville has taught me how to allow God into my heart. ~ Lily Jantzer

WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS

Our parish staff is holding weekly staff meetings now through September and the office will be closed at this time. They are on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to about 3:00. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

The Aqua Vive prayer group will be going to a Charismatic Conference in California in August and is having a fund raiser breakfast after the 7, 8:30 and 10:15 Masses. Please help us cover the expenses of the conference and enjoy a delicious breakfast! Thank you.



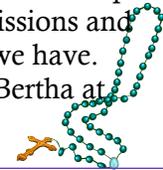
PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Our parish parking lot will be resurfaced and painted August 4 to August 6. The lot will be done in sections and parking will be available at all times with areas in progress closed. So you might not get your favorite spot but there will be a spot for you! Another inconvenience but what joy will result when we can all see the lines!

“Be patient with everyone but above all with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew.” ~ St. Francis de Sales

ROSARY GUILD SALE -- August 17

Rosaries will be on sale Sunday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring many one of a kind, handmade rosaries. All profit supports free rosaries to the missions and the military. Come see what we have. Need a rosary repaired? Call Bertha at 541-245-6981.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. August 4: The Rayburn Family
- T. August 5: +Josephine Nielsen
- W. August 6: Steve Rayburn
- Th. August 7: +Josephine Nielsen
- F. August 8: +Jacqueline Jump

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. August 4: The Licht Family
- T. August 5: Catholic Daughters
- W. August 6: +Florinda Souza
- Th. August 7: +Mary Maddox
- F. August 8: +Dolores Harmon
- S. August 9: +Genevieve Holcom

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Helen Puccetti, Ferrel Cunningham, Alice Blenkush, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Robert Goodhead, Cynthia Sugiyura, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Hindy Moser, 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: +Jared Ramirez, and +Jacqueline Jump

Financial Report

	7/20/2014	7/21/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$13,976.74	\$13,482.19
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$51,495.92	\$51,158.50
Needed for Budget	\$54,432.69	\$54,165.87
Over (under) Budget	(\$1,230.72)	(\$3,007.37)

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

ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Sacred Grotto Amphitheater
10800 Blackwell Road
Gold Hill, OR 97525

6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM
SNACK BAR AVAILABLE
Free will offering accepted.



August 3-Long Mountain Revival

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store turned donated items into enough money to cover almost half our annual budget for the services we provide in Jackson County. It was accomplished by the grace of God and the hard work of over 100 volunteers working six days a week and sometimes on Sundays in the store. With more than 300 volunteers overall, we always are in need of people to help in the store, kitchen, pantry, social services, office, shower and laundry facility as well as home visit groups in Ashland and the rest of Jackson County. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us in being the Body of Christ by serving others. Please call [541-772-3828](tel:541-772-3828).



THE PATRICIANS -- A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Patrician will meet August 18 (3rd Mon.). Come to the Hall and have a coffee and donut after the 8:30 Mass, then join in our discussion (topic TBA). Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor.



Our Legion of Mary offers a pilgrim Virgin statue with prayers to Our Lady. If you interested in hosting please call Jan Sieg at 541-779-5639, to make arrangements.

ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

All are invited to pray the Rosary daily at 8:00 a.m. (before Mass). The Divine Mercy Chaplet follows the 8:30 Mass Monday through Saturday. Time well spent.

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

August 10 -- 7:00 - Bruno & Rita Hutter
8:30 - TBA

August 17 - 7:00 - Michael & Carol Pitts
8:30 - TBA

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.



WEDNESDAY WEEDERS

Join the Wednesday Weeders for the first two weeks of August and let's see how much we can accomplish in cleaning up the landscape around the church. We start at 8:00 a.m. Please bring your own gloves and tools. For information call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292.

IN THE NEW CATHOLIC SENTINEL, READ ABOUT

A Catholic policeman who gave money from his pocket to help a family
See why the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon are disappointed with the post office
See what anti-poverty projects the church has funded
Hear what Archbishop Alexander Sample has to say about reorganization at the Pastoral Center.

If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and we will update your record.
Thank you.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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.

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for Confirmation will open Monday, August 18th
and close Wednesday, October 1st 2014.

To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton.

*contact information above

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):

Open registration for youth group will begin August 5th 2014. There will be a registration packet to fill out for each youth you have attending youth group. To grab a registration packet visit Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. *contact information above*
packets will be ready August 5th 2014

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

JOB OPENING .. WE NEED YOU!!



5th Grade Catechists and Catechist Helpers are needed to teach in our Religious Education program which starts in September. (A Catechist is a Religious Education Instructor or teacher).

“But I’m-Too-Old or I’m-Too-Young”

Let’s say this right up front! You are never too old. How old was Abraham! “When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am the God Almighty.” Abraham thought this was rather funny, especially when God told him that he and Sarah would have a child. You have to love the wise (and humorous) perspective of someone like Abraham. Imagine the wisdom and insight that you, in all your chronological giftedness, have to share with children today. Look at it this way: Ours is a wondrous God whom you have had a bit more time to experience!

As for those of you who think you are too young, must we remind you of Jesus’ little escapade in the temple, when he was twelve years old? Now I am not suggesting that Sacred Heart recruit 12 year-olds as catechists, but you get my point. The fact that you are college-age, or in your twenties or early 30’s does not disqualify you from sharing your faith with children.

Rethink these reasons. Older and younger adults alike have something to share about faith and life with children. We provide lesson plans, materials, and support. Come join our team!

Please consider joining our Religious Education team and spending 9:50 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday mornings with the children of Sacred Heart. They will benefit and so will you.

Our program commences September 21st, 2014. Please call or email **Mary Stallard** at the Parish Office to help our children connect faith with life! 541-779-4661 ext: 107 mstallard@shcs.org

What Does It Mean to be Catholic?

What does it mean to be a Christian? A Catholic family? These are questions you have already begun to answer for your child, sometimes through your words, but most importantly through your actions. How does Christ’s place in our lives, and in the life of our family, make a difference? Does it have an impact on:

- The amount of time for family in our busy schedules?
- The way family members talk to one another?
- Our television and movie-viewing habits?
- The music we listen to?
- Our internet-surfing habits?
- How we talk to others?
- The way we spend our money?
- How children treat their parents?
- Places we choose to go?
- The objects in our home?
- What we wear?
- The ways in which we serve others?



Scripture calls us to be the ‘salt of the earth’ and “the light of the world” (John 5:13-14). If we live a Christian life, we will look different from others. We may even sometimes face ridicule. Jesus said, “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you” (John 15:20). Thankfully God strengthens us with His grace to be the people and families He has called us to be. All He needs is our “yes”.

VICARIATE CATECHIST IN-SERVICE MEETING

At Shepherd of The Valley Church, Central Point Saturday August 23, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Each Catholic Church in our Southern Oregon Vicariate has been invited to attend a training day expressly for Catechists. Prayer, faith formation and practical suggestions as well the opportunity to meet fellow Catechists from churches around our region will make for a great day. After the opening prayer Sacred Heart Church group will have use of a room for our own first Religious Education Program Meeting for this school year.

Our efforts go to the continuing faith life of our children which directly effects the very future of our church. Please volunteer and come help us build our future Catholic strong.

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