



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A)

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2 GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

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...

Optatum Totius (Decree on the Training of Priests)

This weekend, we arrive at the eighth of sixteen Vatican II documents entitled Optatum Totius. It takes up the challenge of suggesting modifications for preparing seminarians for ordained service to the Church in the modern world. As with the other areas discussed so far, this area of ministry formation was identified by participating cardinals at Vatican II as needing reform if the Church was to successfully bring about the types of overall changes it was discussing. After all, if the new pastors of the Church for the next generation are not willing and prepared to take on needed reforms then the rest is all bluster and cheap talk. Real change cannot come about if spiritual leaders are not trained for and committed to seeing it happen.

The authors of Optatum Totius recognized that, due to cultural diversity within our global church, overly specific guidelines of reform would likely not be helpful. However, general reforms could be suggested that would be strictly applied to all priests whether diocesan or religious and regardless of which rite they were ordained to (1). With all of that being said, the document touches on the following themes: greater promotion of vocations, spiritual and pastoral training of seminarians and reform of the seminaries themselves.

Regarding the promotion of vocations, the central point of the document is simple. It is the job of everyone. Promoting vocations is not for the vocations director alone. Seminaries, parishes, teachers, Catholic organizations, priests and families must all work together to build a culture that is open to serving God and to generously answering God's invitation to ministry. This "collaboration by all God's people" should take the form of prayer, penance and catechetics (2). I would add that the fostering of vocations to the priesthood and religious life should and must begin in the family and not the institutional church. Teachers, mentors and ministers should really just be supporting and reinforcing what children have already heard at home. It should be

considered the norm that every Catholic youth asks themselves at some point growing up, "Is God calling me to ministry". Then, as the old saying goes, "God calls and the Church selects". This is another way of saying that parents, coaches, teachers, clergy and adult mentors of every kind must work together to be on the lookout for possible candidates for ordained ministry and the consecrated life. And they should not be afraid to directly invite young people to consider the calling. Virtually every priest I know was directly invited by someone to think about pursuing ministry as a life calling and most have said that it was this very personal invitation/challenge that made all the difference in their decision process. The document added, however, that as we promote and encourage religious vocations we must also exercise greater scrutiny in the choice of future seminarians saying, "Notwithstanding the incredible shortage of priests, due strictness should always be brought to bear on the choice and testing of students. God will not allow his Church to lack ministers if the worthy are promoted and those who are not suited to the ministry are guided with fatherly kindness and in due time to adopt another calling" (6).

In terms of setting new curriculum for minor and major seminaries, the document challenged seminaries to adjust curriculum to better enable future priests to aid in the reforms called for "in the spirit of that renewal promoted by the Council itself" (22). The seminarians should be taught to foster appropriate spiritual discipline and silence and, while in formation, to live in the way that priests are called to live. For example, they should be formed so as to enable them to appreciate and to live a celibate life for the sake of the Kingdom. And it should go without saying that the seminarian should be instructed in philosophy and theology faithfully according to the magisterial authority and authentic traditions of the faith. The classical philosophical training leads to right thinking. After that, theological studies are added so that candidates may be formed in right faith. What is more surprising though is that the document also advises that seminarians be instructed in other popular philosophies and religions of their region so as to better appreciate the truths they contain and to better refute their errors (16).

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FATHER KEN CONTINUED

The change that is stressed the most in the document, however, is pastoral training. Working in the fields of the Lord teaches things that a classroom setting cannot. As the document points out, there should be appropriate interruptions in studies allowed for discernment and pastoral formation so that candidates are exposed to different types of ministry and so that they might learn valuable practical skills in areas such as social justice, counseling and administration (8-12). Perhaps the practical skill most highlighted is that of public speaking skills. The document stressed that stronger preaching skills and knowledge of scripture are critical in the life of the Church as it begins to place greater emphasis on liturgy and the broader exposure to the Bible. Today the work of the Church continues as seminaries continue to strive to improve clerical training to provide priests for the new millennium. Tune in next week as we look at document #9 (*Gravissimum Educationis*) on Catholic educational reform in our modern times.

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

Enhance your prayer by studying and praying with the Scriptures. Experience good Christian fellowship while doing something spiritually rewarding with your spouse, family or friends. Please join us 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.



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

Calling all baptized Catholic boys and girls who have received First Communion and are in the fifth grade or older! **Sacred Heart parish needs you to serve at the altar!**

Training for new youth altar servers will be held in the church on Saturday afternoons, 1:00-3:00 on September 20, 27 and October 4, or on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00, September 16 - Oct 2. To sign up, please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thanks!

Also calling baptized Catholic men who would be interested in serving at daily Mass and/or some Sunday Masses! We will schedule a separate training for you. For more information, please call Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Mae Heideman, 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 Kessler, +Robert Meunier, and +Gloria Healey.

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 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!

**ST. ANNE’S
ALTAR SOCIETY
MEETING**

Please join us Tuesday, September 8 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall for our meeting. We hope to get the year off to a good start! All ladies welcome! Call Joyce at 541-500-7113 with questions.

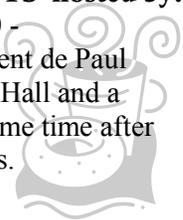
Financial Report

	8/17/2014	8/18/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$18,466.33	\$15,940.01
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$120,436.01	\$118,334.48
Needed for Budget	\$127,009.62	\$126,387.02
Over (under) Budget	(\$6,573.61)	(\$8,052.54)

Includes Feast of the Assumption.
Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish!

**COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:
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.



*The Parish Office is
Closed Labor Day
Monday, September 1st*

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Sept. 1: NO MASS
- T. Sept. 2: Steve Rayburn
- W. Sept. 3: Steve Rayburn
- Th. Sept. 4: John & Madeline Kosmatka
- F. Sept. 5: +Jerry Baird

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Sept. 1: +Dolores Harmon
- T. Sept. 2: Catholic Daughters
- W. Sept. 3: +Florinda Souza
- Th. Sept. 4: Jan Sieg
- F. Sept. 5: +Corrine Chodora
- S. Sept. 6: +Batzer Family

**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.

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.

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.



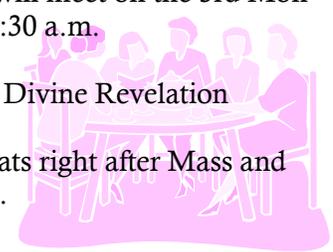
PATRICIANS - A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Patricians in September will meet on the 3rd Monday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Topic:

Inspiration of Scripture - Divine Revelation with Father Justus

Join us for coffee and treats right after Mass and then on to the discussion.



“Our minds are like crows. They pick up everything that glitters, no matter how uncomfortable our nests get with all that metal in them.”

~~ Thomas Merton

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 YOUTH MINISTRY

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact

Information:

Whitney Compton wcompton@archdpx.org, if needed request her cell number via email.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Pick up your schedule of events for Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation in the Parish Office! For an electronic copy, e-mail a request to Whitney Compton.

CORE TEAM – Calling all Young Adults and Sacred Heart Parishioners (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, etc.)

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!

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 9:45a - 11:00a and one for High School which meets Sundays from 6:15p - 7:30p.

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

If you are unable to join a designated CORE TEAM and you would like to help with Youth Ministry, please contact Whitney Compton. There is a lot more to help with involving Youth Ministry!

CORE TEAM TRAINING/RETREAT DAY:

There will be a training/retreat evening for the Youth and Young Adult Core Teams on Wednesday Sept 10th 2014 from 6:30-8:15. This event will take place in the Sacred Heart Youth Room! If you are unable to attend please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available during our time of prayer and preparation for the year!

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for Confirmation for High School students, **is open** but will **close** Wednesday **October 1st** 2014. To register make an appointment with Youth Minister Whitney Compton. *contact information above

Confirmation registration weekend will take place this weekend after all Masses.

Any high school student who would like to receive confirmation in May of 2015, must register within the current registration period. Please bring the Baptismal Certificate with you!

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. To grab a registration packet visit Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. *contact information above

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom;

and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Registration Forms 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.

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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THE JOYS OF WEED PULLING! C'MON! SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

Thank you to all who joined the Wednesday Weeders in August. The extra hands helped accomplish a lot on the two days we met. The Weeders are back weekly until October 8th. Please consider volunteering for one of the Wednesdays in September. No experience required to pull weeds. Call BJ Buxton at 541.772.8292 for information.

