

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9 (127A)

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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...

Gravissimum Educationis (Declaration on Christian Education)

It is providential and timely that, as we begin the new school year with our own local Catholic schools (Sacred Heart and St. Mary's) we come to the ninth of sixteen Vatican II documents dealing with Christian education. This document is not exclusively concerned with the education of youth in Catholic schools, however. It speaks to the priority of providing education for adults as well and refers to education as "an inalienable right" (1). The document allows for variation due to cultural and local needs of the times but according to its highest expression, education should promote unity among nations and peoples and, above all, should be directed toward man's final end (i.e. discovery of one's personal calling/vocation in life and, ultimately, Heaven/eternal union with God) (1).

As regards the youth of our society, education should provide opportunities to develop physically, intellectually and morally through a holistic approach (i.e. educating the whole person). This would include developing a sense of social responsibility to give back and serve others, "overcoming obstacles with unwavering courage and perseverance" so as to achieve success even while facing adversity and learning skills that would allow one to take part in society at every level. This education would also involve developing a clear moral sense of right and wrong (i.e. a proper forming of the conscience) in order to make proper decisions in life (1). The form of education that best achieves these combined goals is Christian education and all baptized Christians should have the right to access to this type of education so that they might come to know God and experience salvation (2).

What is the parental role in all of this? "As it is the parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of educating their family" (3). As our current baptismal rites reiterate, the parents of a child are called by God and His Church to be, not only the first teachers,

but the best of teachers for their children. This obligation cannot be passed off to society or to another (even professional educators). Parents, then, must be fully engaged in education and faith formation, whether it be through public education or through their local church. As such, parents "should enjoy the fullest liberty in their choice of school [private or public]...in accordance with their conscience" (5). However, Catholic parents are urged to fulfill "their duty to send their children to Catholic schools wherever this is possible" and to support Catholic schools (8).

Education is also "in a very special way, the concern of the Church" as it is called to "the duty of proclaiming the way of salvation to all... [and] revealing the life of Christ to those who believe" (3). This is especially achieved through its own resources, directly through catechesis and indirectly through the liturgy (4). And, of course, Catholic schools and universities play an indispensable role in achieving this goal with teachers fulfilling vocations of highest importance (5). "Possessed by charity both towards each other and towards their pupils, and inspired by an apostolic spirit, they should bear testimony by their lives and their teaching to the one Teacher, who is Christ" (8).

"But it is the duty of the state to ensure that all its citizens have access to an adequate education and are prepared for the proper exercise of their civic rights and duties" (5). Among the specific duties of the state cited by the document are insuring that teachers meet professional standards and that student health and safety are provided for. They must accomplish these duties without treading on faith-based forms of education. Where children are being educated in public schools, churches must be allowed to supplement the child's instruction by teaching morality and the articles of the faith (6).

"Accordingly, since the Catholic school can be of such service in developing the mission of the People of God and in promoting dialog between the Church and the community at large to the advantage of both...the sacred Synod therefore affirms once more the right of the Church freely to establish and conduct schools of all kinds and grades" (8).

FATHER KEN CONTINUED

This last point and perhaps even the entire document may seem rather “ho-hum” to many readers but it should be of particular significance to Oregonian Catholics. That is because on November 7, 1922 Oregonians voted to amend section 5259 of Oregon Law which would allow for the elimination of all parochial schools including Catholic school. This amendment would have legally required all children to attend public school with few exceptions. It was only through the courageous stand of the Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (better known as the “Holy Names Sisters”) who fought this law all the way to the US Supreme Court and won that Catholic education in Oregon is even possible. Their legal argument was based on violations of the 1st and 14th Amendments of the constitution. They correctly maintained that “the enactment conflicts with the right of parents to choose schools where their children will receive appropriate mental and religious training, the right of the child to influence the parents’ choice of schools [and] the right of schools and teachers to engage in a useful business or profession” (268 US 510, 532).

SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!! YUM!

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Youth Group in a fund raising Spaghetti Dinner! Saturday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert! 50/50 raffle in the Parish Hall \$10 each, \$25 per family - beer and wine extra Come on out and support our Youth!!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers of all ages and abilities: It's time for the 14th Annual *Into the Heart of the Cup Golf Tournament*. Come join us Thursday, September 17 at Centennial Golf Course. Proceeds benefit our own **Sacred Heart School**. We hope you can join us for a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. with luncheon and awards to follow play. Individual golfers are \$125 and teams are \$500. Please call 541-772-4105 to sign up!




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 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm
In the Parish Hall Beginning: September 11th
Enhance your prayer by studying and praying with the Scriptures. Experience good Christian fellowship while doing something spiritually rewarding. 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.

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.



 **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.

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. To register, or for information, please call Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Elsie Sakraida, 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.

NEW EVANGELIZATION STUDY

Starting Thursday, 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

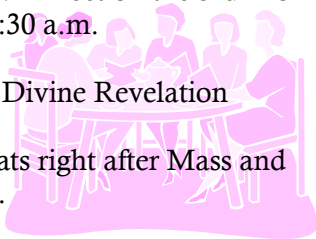
PATRICIANS - A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

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.



ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Please join us **Monday**, September 8 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall for our meeting. Following the meeting we will enjoy a potluck. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert and your own place setting. All ladies welcome!

Call Joyce at 541-500-7113 with questions.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 8: Father Ken Sampson
T. Sept. 9: Jane Horton
W. Sept. 10: Helen Puccetti
Th. Sept. 11: Fran Stuart
F. Sept. 12: Father Joseph Shirey

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 8: Sacred Heart Parishioners
T. Sept. 9: +Bill Sanders
W. Sept. 10: +Floyd & +Helen Mode
Th. Sept. 11: John Meenaghan
F. Sept. 12: Glen & Hilde Johnston
S. Sept. 13: +Engberg Family Members

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:

September 7

7:00 - Liberty Garachico and Family 8:30 - TBA

September 14

7:00 & 8:30 - Catholic Daughters

September 21

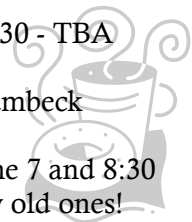
7:00 - Lee & Kris O'Driscoll 8:30 - TBA

September 28

7:00 - Dave, Rosemary & Janet Jumbeck

8:30 - TBA

Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7 and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends - enjoy old ones!



NEWMAN CENTER NEWS

Are you, or do you know of a student going to SOU? Tell them about the Walsh Memorial Newman Catholic Club. Come and meet new friends every Thursday for dinner and discussions. Learn more at the SOU Club Fair, Wednesday, October, 1 at the Newman Club Table, then join us for BBQ on Thursday, October 2. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center or

sounewman.wix.com/newmansou.

Financial Report

	8/24/2014	8/25/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$12,245.54	\$15,401.66
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$132,681.55	\$133,736.14
Needed for Budget	\$145,153.85	\$144,442.31
Over (under) Budget	(\$12,472.30)	(\$10,706.17)

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

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! Events for our Young Adults may include a bible study, trivia nights, game nights, holiday/weekend gatherings and celebrations. First we need to know who is interested! If you are interested in joining the Young Adult Community at Sacred Heart please fill out the Young Adult Community Registration Form (this form does not lock you into any specific event – it’s just so I can reach you to let you know when events are happening – if you can make it... GREAT!). Forms are available in the back of the Church or by contacting Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpx.org

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE – ADYC in SEASIDE!

Youth! Are you ready for another youth conference? This year the Seaside conference will take place November 21st through November 23rd. The cost per youth is approximately \$230 this will cover your hotel, travel expenses conference registration and many of your weekend meals! Final details and a registration packet will be available next week.

HEALING SERVICE

For those afflicted with a chronic or a temporary illness, of body or soul, the imposition of hands by the priest will be offered on Saturday, September 6 following the 8:30 morning Mass.

“The Church teaches us that mercy belongs to God. Let us implore Him to bestow on us the spirit of mercy and compassion, so that we are filled with it and may never lose it. Only consider how much we ourselves are in need of mercy.”

~~ St. Vincent de Paul

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERED BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?

“Come and see!”

**at
R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Addults & older children

Who: Adults, Teens, and older Children

- If you are an adult who is interested in possibly becoming Catholic
- If you are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion
- If you have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized.

What: RCIA sessions Gather to learn about Catholicism.

Where: Parish Hall (next to the church)

When: Tuesday evenings:

Adults: 6:30 – 8:00 Children, Teens: 7:00-8:00

Weekly: Starting September 16th

For more information about becoming a fully initiated Catholic, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate 541 779-4661x105 or abrophy@shcs.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.



**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY
Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact**

Information:

Whitney Compton wcompton@archdpdx.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.

HELP!!!! CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED:

There are currently NO Catechist for High School Youth! There are only 2 Catechist for Middle School Youth!

I'm asking you: Young Adults & Sacred Heart Parish-ioners (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles

We need a core team of Catechist to pass on the Deposit of Faith to the teens in our parish community. Passing on the faith to our teens at Sacred Heart is an essential part of having a future Church community here at our parish. Contact Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton for information! To become a Catechist for our high school teens please fill out the core team application, available at the office and at the doors of the Church. There will be a retreat evening for Catechist as well as presenter information on Wednesday September 10th, more information below (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 9:45a - 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

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 in the Sacred Heart Youth Room! If you are unable to attend please contact Whitney Compton at wcompton@archdpdx.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**. We are ordering workbooks this year and need an accurate count.

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

Any high school student who would like to receive confirmation in May, must register now. 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

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS .. WE NEED YOU!!

Preschool and Grade 1 Grade Catechists and are needed to teach in our Religious Education program starting in September 21st, 2014 (A Catechist is a Religious Education Instructor or teacher).

Here I Am, Lord!

Answering the call of the Church to become a catechist – or to continue to persevere in the work you have already been doing – opens your life to a powerful outpouring of grace. Come answer the call...sign up to be this year's **Preschool or First Grade Catechist!!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
Grades pre-school through 5th grade

Registration Forms are at the doors of the church and also at the Parish Office. Begin or renew your child's faith life and join our wonderful Religious Education Group. We meet each Sunday at Sacred Heart School in the cafeteria at 9:50 a.m. for a family assembly, then the children go to their classes. We aim to foster a love of God through sharing and learning about our 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 REGISTRATION

If your child is baptized; in grade 2 – 5; in their 2nd consecutive year of Religious Education (1st Grade or above) and your family are registered members of Sacred Heart they may be eligible.

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

Enrolment **CLOSES SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2014**

To check on all eligibility requirements please contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office 541-779-4461 ext: 107 Email mstallard@shcs.org

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

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




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.

COME SEW WITH US!

 The Sewing/Quilting group will meet on Thursday, September 17 from 9:15-12:15 in the Parish Nursery. We will be doing some charity sewing as well as working on a group quilt. All are welcome to join us, or stop by and have a cup of coffee and see what we're up to!

Questions?? Call Kathy Hogge 541-773-9805

SENTINEL NEWS READ AND STAY INFORMED!

In the new Catholic Sentinel, available after Mass, learn about a new form of investing that combines Catholic teaching and Portland hipsters. Meet the new director of Catholic Charities and learn tips about how married couples can have creative date nights to strengthen their relationships.

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 a September Wednesday. No experience required to pull weeds. Call BJ Buxton at 541-772-8292 for information.



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