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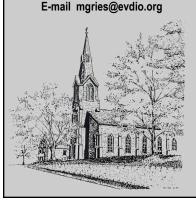
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OCTOBER 8, 2023 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

it's been a busy week here in our parish with lots of people working at the Fall Festival. Meanwhile work has continued on the repairs to our church. But across the world, another event has been unfolding—the Open party Congral Assembly of the Synod on Synodelity the



the world, another event has been unfolding— the Opening of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality that began this past Wednesday, October 4.

Terms like "synod" and "synodality" are not one that we are very familiar with. But they have a long history in our church, going back to the time of the early disciples. One of the great issues that St. Peter and St. Paul and the early church community had to deal with was weather a person had to become part of the Jewish religion is they were to become followers of Jesus. We read about this from the Acts of the Apostles. St. Paul has begun to reach out to the Gentiles, the non-Jewish people and inviting them to embrace the teachings of Jesus. Many, led by St. Peter and others in Jerusalem believed that they needed to first become Jewish, before they could embrace the way of Jesus. Paul believed differently. So the early community gathered together to pray and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide them so they would know how they were to be church. No doubt it was a scary time. Fear could easily have taken over. But the people trusted that God was with them and that the Holy Spirit would guide them.

This gathering of people today is a direct outcome of another gathering that happening in the early 1960's, The Second Vatican Council. And we can see, looking back, how the Holy Spirit was at work. It all began in the late 1950's at the death of Pope Pius XII in 1958 after being Pope for nineteen years. Who is going to be the next pope? And there was big disagreements among the papal electors. So, in the end, they choose someone who was old, so we didn't have another pope for such a long time. And they choose someone they figured they could control. That man was Angelo Roncolli. He was 77 at the time he was elected and chose the name John XXIII.



For many people, the 1950's were the good old days. But consider this— for the first sixty years of this century the countries of the world had waged are against each other and over 112 million people had been killed. Economies had been ruined, resentments of different ethnic groups had been fueled by these wars, many countries were trying to throw off the yoke of colonialism. We are still suffering form the effects of this today. Where was God in all this? What did our church have to say to help people make sense of all they had gone through?

These were challenging times to say the least. And onto this stage steps Pope John XXIII. Less than three months after he was elected Pope he calls for the leaders of the church to gather for a synod to try to answer the question: How is God wanting us to be a church in this modern world."

This was both a cause of great joy and great fear especially among some cardinals and bishops. "You are going to destroy the church. You have overstepped your authority. We have to stop this to protect the church that we know." This Pope that they thought was going to be a care taker pope, and was too old to take on any major initiative had really surprised people. Or could it be the working of the Holy Spirit? I'm sure those who disagreed with what Pope John XXIII had done, would not see this as the "working of the Holy Spirit."

In his opening address at the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII said: "The decision to hold an ecumenical council came to me in the first instance in a sudden flash of inspiration. I communicated this decision, without elaboration, to the Sacred College of Cardinals on that memorable January 25, 1959, the feast of St. Paul's Conversion.....the response was immediate. It was as though some ray of supernatural light had entered the minds of all present: it was reflected in their faces; it shone from their eyes. At once the world was swept by a wave of enthusiasm, and people everywhere began to wait eagerly for the celebration of this Council."

But Pope John XXIII was not unaware that many people, cardinals and bishops among them, were fearful of what might happen and, in some instances did everything they could to stop this synod from happening. To them he said: "In the daily exercise of Our pastoral office, it sometimes happens that We hear certain opinions which disturb Us—opinions expressed by people who, though fired with a commendable zeal for religion, are lacking in sufficient prudence and judgment in their evaluation of events. They can see nothing but calamity and disaster in the present state of the world. They say over and over that this modern age of ours, in comparison with past ages, is definitely deteriorating. One would think from their attitude that history, that great teacher of life, had taught them nothing. They seem to imagine that in the days of the earlier councils everything was as it should be so far as doctrine and morality and the Church's rightful liberty were concerned. We feel that We must disagree with these prophets of doom, who are always forecasting worse disasters, as though the end of the world were at hand."

Next week, I'll talk more about the synod on synodality.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Barbara & John Hagerty, Timothy & Robert Hagerty, Roy & Mary Eleanor Potts, Frank (2009) & Dorothy Eckart

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joseph & Eleanor Lasher, Joseph Philip Lasher, John Reckelhoff, Linda Elpers, Germaine & Irma Bittner, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, Dave Spaetti, Daniel & Eddie Spaetti, Virgil & Rosemary Spaetti,

10:30 AM MASS: Albert & Florentina Gries, John Grigsby, Valerie Emge, Doris Sue Weiss, Anna M. Glaser, Theresa Shull, Valada Falls, Alfred Glaser, John Storssen (1917), Randall Rexing (1987), Jim Collins (2022)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 WEEKKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Francis Behme (1870), John Litzler (1877), Benjamin Muensterman (1963), Albert (1986) & Peggy Kissel, Theodore Kraft (1997)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Brentl (1874), Francis Rexing (1893), Joseph Frank (1984)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Schmitt (1876), Matilda Will (1902), Laurence Spitzer (1909), Infant Hartweck (1957), Francis (1969) & Norma Maurer, Martha Seib (1976), Donald Schroeder (2019)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: John Seib (1858), Maria Fehrenbacher (1858), John Egler (1864), Robert Elpers (1977), Marcellus (1999) & Valeria Elpers, Tom (2019) & Joann Muensterman, Katie Schiff (2021)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: David, Daniel, Eddie, Virgil & Rosemary Sapetti

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joann Schoenstein, Gulielmus Angelmeier (1858), Peter Born (1875), Sr. Placida, OSF (Anna Gumbel, 1889), John (1959) & Cecelia Reising, Peter (1977) & Cecelia Reising, Ronald Elpers (2015), Marian (2021) & Wilburn Fehrenbacher

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Doris Ann Martin, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers

Family, Linda Elpers 10:30 AM MASS:

Theodor Kempers (1862), John Baehl (1873), Francisca Frank (1876), Robert Happe (1918), Mary Erbacher (1920), Oscar (1974) & L. Wilfredia Angermeier (1974), Leo (2006) & Berta Waninger



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the

owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we? October 1, 2023 18,123.00 **WEEKLY BUDGET** 14,650.00 TOTAL INCOME TO DATE 197,131.66 205,100.00 **BUDGET TO DATE MAINTENANCE** 100.00 CHILDREN'S COLLECTION 6.00

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- Monday, 7 pm Knights of St. Coming This Week.... John Meeting at Hoefling Groove

-Altar Society Meeting...Thursday at 6:30 pm

in the meeting room

-Senior Citizens Gathering-Friday at 1 pm in the meeting room

Blood Drive-Sunday, October 29 8 am -- Noon

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si— Caring for Our Common Home



EDUCATE FOR THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Awareness of the gravity of the cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. Many know that current progress and the simple accumulation of objects or pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart, but they do not feel capable of giving up what the market offers them. In the countries that should produce the greatest changes in consumption habits, young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them fight admirably for the protection of the environment, but they have grown up in a context of very high consumption and of well-being that makes it difficult for other habits to mature. This is why we are faced with an educational challenge.

__Environmental education has been expanding its objectives. If at the beginning it was very centered on scientific information and on the awareness and prevention of environmental risks, now it tends to include a critique of the "myths" of modernity based on instrumental reason



(individualism, definite progress, competition, sumerism, market without rules) and also to recover the different levels of ecological balance: the inner one with oneself, the one in solidarity with others, the natural one with all living beings, the spiritual one with God.

Environmental education should prepare us to make

that leap towards the Mystery, from which an ecological ethics draws its deepest meaning. On the other hand, there are educators capable of resetting the pedagogical itineraries of an ecological ethics.

However, this education, is sometimes limited to informing and fails to develop habits. The existence of laws and regulations is not long-term enough to limit bad behavior, even when valid control exists. In order for the juridical norm to produce relevant and lasting effects, it is necessary that most of the members of society have accepted it on the basis of adequate motivations, and react according to a personal transformation. Only by starting from the cultivation of solid virtues is it possible to give oneself in an ecological commitment.

If a person, although his economic conditions allow him to consume and spend more, usually covers himself a little instead of turning on the heat, this supposes that he has acquired convictions and ways of feeling favorable to caring for the environment. It is very noble to take on the task of taking care of creation with small daily actions, and it is wonderful that education is capable of motivating them to shape a lifestyle. **TO BE CONTINUED**

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urday, October 14th 2023. We will share a meal, play games, and pray a Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff for questions

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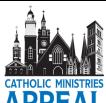


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