



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • June 11-12, 2022



Congratulations, Class of 2022

WE THANK YOU, OUR 109TH GRADUATING CLASS, FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO FAITH, SERVICE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Aileen Aldana	Anthony Drapcho	Eli Krebs	Samuel Richmond	Mimi Thompson
Cormac Armstrong	Ari Fitzgerald	Paul Marrs	Wade Robertson	Roxy Thompson
Hudson Coe	Alec Hendrickson	Lana McMenamin	Hayden Shoemaker	Scarlett Whalen
Jayne Dankowski	Nolan Horner	Dwight Nguyen	Matthew Stokke	Adam Widmer
Jackson Diani	Stella Karolyi	Owen Randall	Alexander Tadjedin	Grace Widmer
Faye Doherty	Nicholas Kohlmetz	Stella Resch	Lark Thomas	Jake Wight

The Madeleine School Class of 2022 Awards

Academic Excellence Award—4.0 Cumulative Middle School GPA

Faye Doherty, Eli Krebs, Wade Robertson, Matthew Stokke, Lark Thomas, Mimi Thompson

► **Archbishop's 2022 Christian Leadership and Service Award:** Eli Krebs

► **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**
Faye Doherty, Stella Resch, Mimi Thompson

► **CYO Scholarship:** Hayden Shoemaker, Mimi Thompson

► **Madeleine Mission Award**
Stella Resch, Mimi Thompson, Roxy Thompson

► **Madeleine Spirit Award:** Hudson Coe

► **Music & Visual Arts Award:** Ari Fitzgerald, Alex Tadjedin

► Madeleine SLE Awards

Spiritual: Aileen Aldana, Cormac Armstrong

Academic: Nicholas Kohlmetz, Lark Thomas

Moral: Faye Doherty, Alex Tadjedin

Social: Lana McMenamin, Dwight Nguyen, Wade Robertson

Physical: Hudson Coe, Dwight Nguyen, Roxy Thompson, Jake Wight

► Gifts of the Holy Spirit Awards

Counsel: Eli Krebs, Hayden Shoemaker, Scarlett Whalen

Fortitude: Nolan Horner, Paul Marrs, Mimi Thompson

Fear of the Lord: Stella Karolyi, Sam Richmond, Adam Widmer

Knowledge: Lana McMenamin, Owen Randall, Matthew Stokke

Understanding: Alec Hendrickson, Alex Tadjedin, Lark Thomas

Wisdom: Aileen Aldana, Jayne Dankowski, Anthony Drapcho

Steadfastness: Jackson Diani, Grace Widmer, Jake Wight

► Altar Server Award

Cormac Armstrong, Faye Doherty, Anthony Drapcho, Ari Fitzgerald, Alec Hendrickson, Stella Karolyi, Eli Krebs, Paul Marrs, Owen Randall, Stella Resch, Mimi Thompson, Roxy Thompson, Scarlett Whalen, Jake Wight

The Most Holy Trinity

JESUS WAS NOT ALONE in his life and ministry but called God his Father and called upon the Spirit to sustain him. He promised us a share in these relationships. The God we call the Trinity is present to support us, as individuals and as a community. Just as Jesus needed community, so do we.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- Alexia Dragoo
- Terry O'Hanlon
- Marjorie O'Mahoney

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

- Patricia Wilson
- Don Coon
- Jeanette Rashti
- Lisa Nice
- Aaron Bailly

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 06/14, Tues. Robert O'Sullivan †
- 06/15, Weds. Miriam Lauritzon †
- 06/16, Thurs. Margaret Zywicki †
- 06/17, Fri. Jerry Sullivan †
- 06/18, Sat. Bill Rooney †
- 06/19, Sun. 8:00 am . . . The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am Winifride Schnidrig †

Class of 2022 High School Graduates: See Page 3

Calendar This Week

All Masses in person only unless noted

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 am: Mass—Church

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

11:30 am: RCIA—Courtyard

MONDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 pm: FA—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

► Nourish Our Neighbors Gr. 6

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

6:00 pm: Book Club Spring Social—Fireside Rm,
Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 am: Mass—Church

1:00 pm: 2nd Grade Authors Share—Parish Hall

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

11:30 am: K Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
Graduation in Courtyard

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

6:30 pm: SAC—Zoom

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

► Last Day of School—11:30 Dismissal,
Barbecue immediately after

8:00 am: Mass—Church

7:30 pm: CDZ Collegium Musica - Aaron
Langet-Caplan Classical Guitar—Old Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

2:00 pm: Nguyen/Lo Wedding—Church

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 am: Mass—Church

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

PARISH LIFE

FATHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Have a Father in your life remembered with a Mass intention. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, and may be put in the offertory baskets or delivered to the Parish Office. We will contact you to determine the date of the intention.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center (NCC) has two great marriage preparation workshops coming up that we'd like to share with you and your parishioners! The dates are September 23-24, on Friday from 5:30 pm–8 pm and Saturday from 9 am–11 am and 12:30 pm–3 pm. Participants can learn more and register at www.nwcounseling.org/product-category/marriage-preparation/

BOOK CLUB SPRING SOCIAL

**South of the Border Potluck • June 14
6:00 pm, Fireside Room & Courtyard**

Not a book club member? No problem. Just contact our coordinator for details and have your name added to our roster/email contact list. Gretchen Stevenson at 503-312-6834 or by email at gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Happy Father's Day! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love. Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 18-20 at Mt. Angel Abbey, in Mt. Angel, Oregon. or information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthepark.org

THE MADELEINE IS HIRING!

Info and apply at www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

We have some part-time jobs available at The Madeleine. See below. For more information or to apply, visit www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

Parish Events Manager

The Madeleine has wonderful facilities for rent, and our Parish Events Manager helps not only sell the facilities to prospective clients, but helps organize and manage events from wedding and funeral receptions to outside auctions and even some outdoor events. Works in a fast-paced environment and requires exceptional attention to detail.

Events Coordinator

Works at the direction of the Parish Events Manager. Responsibilities include set up and take down of event spaces, maintaining relationships and professionalism with clients, and overseeing the responsibilities of dishwashers and bussers. Minimum age 21.

Dishwashers

Washes dishes for parish, school and rental events in our Parish Hall kitchen. Minimum age 16 years.

More information on these positions at www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

Green Tips for a More Sustainable Lifestyle

All summer long, many Christians practice their talents as guardians of creation by kneeling down to work the soil and tend their flowerbeds! Gardens can sometimes be a lot of work. However, there are many native flower species (very well suited to your area's climate) which do not require frequent watering and no major maintenance. Furthermore, native plants attract native wildlife. Milkweed attracts the Monarch butterfly and the Cape Impatiens attracts hummingbirds.

The Royal Rosarians have notified us that our Centennial Rose Garden is a winner again! We'll discover which classification on June 28 at their award ceremony.



As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering.

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

CLASS OF 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Here are the Class of 2022 High School Graduates from The Madeleine community and post-high-school plans as submitted by their families or high schools. Congratulations to all and good luck as you go off to college and beyond!

Central Catholic High School

- ▷ **Claire Krebs**—*Valedictorian*
Santa Clara University
- ▷ **Matthew Andersen**
- ▷ **Olivia Codino**, University of Washington
- ▷ **Niall Doherty**, University of Denver
- ▷ **Claire Gaber**, Mt. St. Mary's University, Maryland
- ▷ **Joaquin Gonzales**, Oregon State University
- ▷ **Max Karolyi**
- ▷ **Forrest Kayser**, Colorado College
- ▷ **Gus Krauel**, Gonzaga University
- ▷ **Parker Lopez-Fournier**, Gap Year International
- ▷ **Cameron Lopez-Fournier**, University of Oregon
- ▷ **Ava McDonald**, Santa Clara University
- ▷ **Helena O'Connor**, Gonzaga University
- ▷ **Parker Reno-Zinn**, University of Oregon
- ▷ **Luca Rodarte**, Washington State University
- ▷ **Katie Stolberg**, University of San Diego
- ▷ **Jude Stube**
- ▷ **Peyton Walker**, University of Portland

Grant High School

- ▷ **Eleanor Matteri**, Fordham University
- ▷ **Ingrid Mohr**, Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo
- ▷ **Ingrid Mohr**, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- ▷ **Bobby Widmer**, University of Oregon

Cleveland High School

- ▷ **Ryan Holzschuh**, Oregon State University
Honors College

Lakeridge High School

- ▷ **Kelly McPhee**, University of Oregon
- ▷ **Morgan Vasend**, University of Oregon

St. Mary's Academy

- ▷ **Audrey Lincoln**, University of Denver
- ▷ **Ava Trueworthy**, Univ. of Vermont Honors College

St. Michaels University School, Victoria, BC

- ▷ **Charlotte Hardy**, Queen's University, Ontario

THE DISCERNING CATHOLIC: ENGAGING THE APOSTOLIC LIFE

As a ministry, the intent of "The Discerning Catholic" is to invigorate our apostolic spirit in the present day through dialogue and sharing, through helping one another discern the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how that knowledge leads us into action. Think of the apostles. They were ordinary people leading ordinary lives. They were no different from us. And if we can summon the courage, we'll find that we can be like them.

At Tuesday's daily Mass, Marilyn Robb broke open the Word, the story of Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath. "The jar of flour shall not go empty," Elijah assured the widow, "Nor the jug of oil run dry," that the God of Israel in His great love would provide for her. Marilyn's reflection that followed was transformative, lifting the lesson from simple scriptural examination to critical discernment on God's presence in her own life. Risking vulnerability, Marilyn extended the story of Elijah and the Widow into stories from her own life, sharing a string of profound personal experiences, and after each intoned "the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." It was a moving display of courage and faith. At the end of her reflection, she said quietly: "Don't keep your stories of how God is working in your life to yourself. There is someone out there

who needs to hear them." Amen.

At Pentecost, the apostles stepped out of hiding and into a great body of people, proclaiming the works of Jesus, of His death and resurrection, everything that they had witnessed. Afterwards, I expect, the apostles rolled up their sleeves and discerned with the people how the living Christ exists in their lives too. This was the apostolic mission for which Christ prepared them, the same mission which we have inherited, and which Marilyn so capably displayed Tuesday morning. Recognize too, that even instilled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles also consistently relied on one another in navigating the difficult issues of the day. We'll do the same. As "Discerning Catholics," whether we're breaking open the Word, discussing the pressing issues of the Church, or simply socializing, together we can examine, exercise, understand, and articulate the possibility of our faith—learning from one another as we engage the apostolic life.

New or cradle Catholic, practicing or lapsed Catholic, or curious non-Catholic, I invite you to please reach out to me: discerningcatholic@themadeleine.edu or if you'd rather call or text, I can be reached at 503-206-2843. I'm tentatively planning the first in-person meeting on Sunday, July 10. Details to follow.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am
Thursday (During School) 2:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am

▶ Livestream 10:00 am Sunday
at youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Penance By appointment; call Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

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Fr. Mike ext. 111

Infant Baptism—Darlene Maurer ext. 125

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist—
Rose Horton ext. 127

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School Advisory—Eric Robinson 971-227-3772

Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities

Maintenance Requests—John Garrow
jgarrow@themadeleine.edu ext. 118

St Vincent de Paul (Food, utility, rent assistance)
Mary Clare O'Brien 503-309-7639

Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday
Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

MUSIC NOTES: THE TRINITY

This week we march along from Pentecost to the Holy Trinity. Yep, this is the Sunday that we take a step back and ponder the greatest dogma of our Christian faith—that is, our belief in the Triune God. Admittedly, this concept of one God in three persons is very confusing and perhaps one of the least understood aspects of our faith throughout Christian history. In simplest terms, it is rooted in the fact that God appeared to Christians in three-dimensional form: God the Father (the Creator and Lord of salvation); God the Son (who lived and experienced humanity) and God the Holy Spirit, (sent as an intercessor to be with us until the end of time).

In the first thousand years, the celebration of the Trinity bounced around liturgically—officially established as the Sunday after Pentecost under Pope John XII in 1334. However, the outward sign of the Trinity and our Christian faith—making the sign of the cross—was practiced from the earliest centuries. In fact, making the sign of the cross may be the most common of all actions that Catholics do. It is one of the first things that we learn as a child and is something that we do (often without thinking) our entire life. We make the sign of the cross when we pray, when we enter and leave church, at the beginning of each Mass, and are marked with the sign of the cross when we are baptized, confirmed, married, and in death. Of course, if you are Catholic and Italian (which I am), you make the sign of the cross over dough before baking bread (the symbol of the body of Christ), and cross yourself for protection when traveling, seeing a black cat, or some other potentially perilous situation. If it is really important, you may cross yourself three times (for the Trinity, of course)!

Suffice to say, the Trinity reminds me of music. In its most

basic form, music is made up of the elements of melody, harmony, and rhythm. God, the Father—our Creator—gave everyone the gift of the human voice. Our voices are the primary musical instrument and a song does not exist until it is re-created by the human voice. Musicians in the early Church sang a single line chant—melodic intervals that would naturally rise and fall according to the sacred text. In many cultures, singing is an extension of everyday life—and the concept of rhythm is intertwined in voice and body. The element of harmony exists as an extension of melody. It is created, whether informally or formally, whenever groups of people sing together.

Just as God, the Father, gave us the gift of music and song—how we communicate that gift with others is through the humanity of God, the Son. I call this the “heart” of making music. In musical terms, it is called “expression” and the “articulation” of sound. Whether legato (smooth and connected) or staccato (short and separated), loud or soft, gentle or deliberate, fast or slow—the way we express and articulate music helps us to communicate the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual qualities of a song.

Finally, legendary composer Alice Parker refers to music as saying: “As a composer, I believe that all I can notate is five percent of what I hear; the performer must bring the other 95 percent to the page.” It is, I believe, God, the Spirit that transcends notes on a page and ultimately gives music life. And in those brief moments—when a chord is in perfect tune, when a pianissimo is heard as a faint whisper, or when joy literally leaps off the page—we are wholly united in song with each other and our Triune God. —*Maria Manzo*

THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND TO THE MADELEINE COMMUNITY

The recognition that was bestowed upon me at Mass last Sunday was such an honor....so unexpected, so humbling, and so very much appreciated.

I tell anyone who will listen—this is my favorite job. Ever.

The ability to serve such a loving, generous, giving community in collaboration with my dedicated, professional parish- and school-staff colleagues, under the integrity and unflinchingly bold leadership of Fr. Mike is more than I could ask for. It has been the highlight of my near 40 years in the advertising/communications business.

I’ve received thank yous from parishioners throughout the pandemic for helping keep them connected to The Madeleine. But be very clear: this has been 100% a team effort...side by side with everyone on staff who has worked every bit as hard under difficult circumstances.

Being of service to this community is more than a job, it’s a privilege—one that I give thanks for every day.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the plaque and generous gift, to Dan LaGrande for the kind words, and to everyone at The Madeleine for allowing me to continue to serve you.

—*Rich Hammons,*
Director of Communications



CDZ Collegium Musica & Madeleine Parish Present

Aaron Larget-Caplan, Classical Guitar



Faces of the Guitar Series

Music of Bach and the Beatles to John Cage and Beyond!

Friday, June 17, @ 7:30 p.m.

at the historic **Old Church at The Madeleine (3124 NE 24th Ave)**
\$20, \$15 for seniors, children free

“Aaron is a unique talent not to be missed!” – Washington Post

Acclaimed international recording and touring guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan is an exciting and innovative leader in classical music. Noted for his “astounding technical proficiency and artistic delicacy” by the Boston Musical Intelligencer, Larget-Caplan has throughout the USA and in Europe, Russia, and Taiwan, including El Palacio de Linares in Madrid, Spain, Sheremetev Palace in Russia, and Palazzo del Te & Ducale in Mantova, Italy. **Buy your tickets for today! Short Link: <https://bpt.me/5466897>**



PARISH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS IN THE MAIL!

Our Parish Stewardship Letters for the 2022-23 fiscal year are making their way into the mail. If you have not yet received your letter by the end of May, contact the Parish Office.

The feature most folks are drawn to is the graph in the middle of the page that shows your past 5-years' giving compared to parish averages.

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This letter, and the graph, show giving for our Parish Offertory, Second Collections and our Capital Repair Fund (used for maintenance and repairs on campus). **This graph does NOT include Old Church Capital Campaign gifts.**

Upon receiving your letter, if you have questions about the Stewardship Campaign, your past giving, or your upcoming donation, contact John Garrow at the Parish Office, 503-281-5777 or jgarrow@themadeleine.edu, or Father Mike at fathermike@themadeleine.edu

By The Numbers

1 Giving History. So you don't have to dig through your bank records, these green bars show how much you've given each year, averaged by month for simplicity. Parish Offertory, Second Collections and Capital Repair gifts are used here. **These bars do NOT include Old Church Capital Campaign giving or pledges.**

2 Parishioner Average Giving. For context, we've provided the average monthly contribution per contributing parish family over each of the past 5 years.

3 Contact information. We have included what we have for your current contact information. See an error or a phone or email missing? Just make the correction when you send in your commitment card!

4 Suggested 2022-23 monthly amount. This is an amount for you to consider for your 2022-23 giving. It reflects the greater of your prior year monthly average plus our requested 6% increase, or the parish average. It's just a suggestion...we are grateful for any amount.

5 Your Commitment. Here, we list the commitments for the coming year.

▶ **Combined Monthly Commitment.** The amount here is intended to cover not only your Parish Offertory, the main fund that our parish runs on, but Second Collections and Capital Repair Fund also. **This does NOT include any gifts to our Old Church Project Capital Campaign.**

▶ **Additional Gifts:** If you did not include Capital Repair Fund and Second Collections in the past—or wish to add more—please consider including a monthly amount here.

▶ **Total Per Month:** Please TOTAL ALL THE LINES ABOVE for your total monthly commitment.

6 Method of payment: We are really hoping people will experience the convenience of automatic electronic payments this year. Complete instructions are on the back of your commitment card.



Dear John & Jane

Thank you for your support of The Madeleine! Every family, every person in the parish benefits from your generosity. Your ongoing support is critical to the ministries and mission of The Madeleine.

As you know, the pandemic has been up and down. This time last year, we thought we were in the clear...but COVID had another thought. Most of our supporters have been steadfast, but not everyone has been able to support the parish at their previous levels.

With increased costs for 2022, accelerated by the inflation seen in the United States and world economies, I am asking all parishioners to consider a 6% or greater increase over your prior giving amounts—if possible, to increase giving to our parish average of \$185 per month, as noted on the Stewardship Commitment Form below. I know I can count on your generous support, and I remain very grateful for your leadership in our journey.

If you have any questions, please contact me or John Garrow, our Business Manager, at the Parish Office, 503-281-5777.

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike Biewend, Pastor



“A huge beneficiary of our return toward normal are our Faith Formation ministries. Here, Therese Fenzl leads our Confirmation class in prayer.”

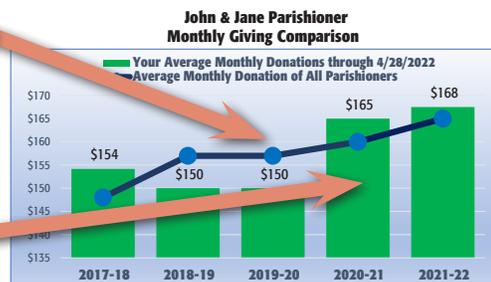


“In partnership with Providence Health, The Madeleine hosted two vaccine clinics in the Parish Hall. Folks lined up all the way to the school parking lot to “get the job”; more than 700 doses were administered.”

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Your combined monthly giving by fiscal year for Offertory, Second Collections and Capital Repair

2022-2023 PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

- Please make any corrections below
- For electronic donations, please complete the information on back
- When completed, please return this form in the envelope provided or drop in our weekly collection basket

Email: j&j-parishioner@mail.com
Phone: (503) 123-4567

John & Jane Parishioner
1234 NE Neighborhood St
Portland, OR 97212

Please consider increasing your total combined monthly commitment to our Parish average of: **\$185**

YOUR COMMITMENT	
Please enter your combined monthly commitment, to include Offertory, Capital Repair and Second Collections	\$
OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL GIFTS:	
Additional Capital Repair Fund—Monthly	\$
Additional Second Collections—Monthly	\$
Total per month (Add together all 3 lines above)	\$

- METHOD OF PAYMENT**
- Auto Debit (EFT)—Preferred
 - Online Bill Pay
 - Debit/Credit Card—Preferred
 - Envelopes

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COMMUNION AND MISSION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which, as Pope Francis explains, “reminds us of the mystery of one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Everything in Christian life revolves around the mystery of the Trinity and is fulfilled according to this infinite mystery. The Trinity is the communion of divine Persons who are one with the others, one for the others, one in the others. This communion is the life of God, the mystery of the love of the living God.

“Jesus revealed this mystery to us. He spoke to us of God as the Father; he spoke to us of the Spirit; and he spoke to us of himself as the Son of God. After he rose, he sent the disciples to evangelize to the peoples and to baptize them “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). This command is entrusted by Christ in all ages to the Church, which has inherited the missionary mandate from the Apostles. He also directs it to each one of us who, through the power of Baptism, are part of his community.

“Therefore, today’s celebration, while making us contemplate the amazing mystery from which we come and toward which we are going, renews for us the mission of living in communion with God and living in communion among ourselves according to the model of the divine communion. We are called to live not as one without the others, above or against the others, but one with the others, for the others and in the others. This means to accept and witness in harmony the beauty of the Gospel, experiencing love for one another and for all, sharing joy and suffering, learning to ask and grant forgiveness, appreciating various charisms under the guidance of pastors. In a word, we have been entrusted with the task of edifying ecclesial communities which increasingly become families, capable of reflecting the splendor of the Trinity and evangelizing not only with the words but with the power of the love of God that lives within us.”

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



OUR TRINITARIAN VOCATION AND MISSION

We have been created in the image of God (Gen 1:27), which for us Christians means that we have been created in the image of the Trinity and our vocation is to be in a relationship with God as three in one. And just as we learned how to be in relationships by imitating our parents and those around us, so we learn how to be in relationship with God by imitating the activity of each of the three persons of the Trinity: the Father, the loving creator who brings everything into existence and orders all into right relationships; Jesus, the crucified reconciler sent from God to show us how to live as God's children and re-establish the relationships broken and disfigured by sin; and the Holy Spirit, who transforms and sanctifies everything through God's presence and power now at work in our world and in our community.

IMITATING GOD THE FATHER, THE CREATOR AND ORDERER

God the Father's relationship with us begins with creation, in which everything is ordered into the right relationships that God wanted. But sin broke down those relationships, thus requiring reconciliation. So God immediately began the work of transforming the sinful relationships into a "new creation" that would be evil-free. To achieve this change, God called the covenant community of Israel to embody these right relationships and then sent Christ to restore the original harmony of creation. Now we are invited to cooperate with God to create in our lives the right relationships God envisioned from the beginning. In practical terms, this means that every day we must align ourselves with God and struggle to bring about right relationships within our self, among ourselves and others, and with God. We must change the domination and rule of evil and sin over our world into God's "new creation."

IMITATING JESUS THE SON, THE REVEALER AND RECONCILER

Jesus, God become human, reveals who God is and what God is doing to bring about God's new creation. Jesus' saving work—the forgiveness of sins or reconciliation—transforms our disordered relationships into rightly ordered ones. Jesus whole life was dedicated to the service of God's hidden presence in our world. As a prophet, he called people's attention to God's presence in the ordinary events of their lives. As a priest, he invited people to celebrate this presence with inclusive meals that prefigure the end-time feast with God in heaven. As a king, he showed people how to reorder their lives according to the kingdom values of justice, love and peace. Through our baptism, we have been anointed to continue his work as prophet, priest and king (See Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium*, #31-41). The more we imitate Jesus and live by his values, the more we create the right relationships that God desires for us.

IMITATING THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE UNIFIER AND SANCTIFIER

What the Holy Spirit does within the Trinity as the divine power of life and the bond of love, is also done for us in salvation history. Through the Holy Spirit we experience God dwelling within us to empower us for life and to draw us together through the bonding power of love into a community of rightly-ordered relationships. But we must also realize that our lives are not just for ourselves. As with the Trinity, everything we think and do is directed towards right relationships and our life together with God. Today, whenever and wherever we experience new life in Christ and the bond of Christian community, we know the Holy Spirit is active in us, in our local community, in the universal Church and in our world. Quietly but effectively, in ways we often don't discern, with our cooperation God is transforming our world through the power of the Holy Spirit into God's community of justice, love and peace.





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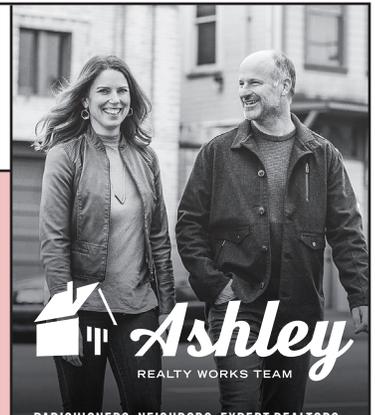


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