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## *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

June 17, 2007

I live, no longer, I, but Christ lives in me.

- Galatians 2:20

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CONFIRMATION:** This sacrament is administered to Grade 10 students. Preparation for the sacrament is a two-year program, Phase I, Grade 9 and Phase II, Grade 10. This is a requirement for students in Catholic, Private or Public Schools. Registration Forms were mailed to Grade 9 students who are presently enrolled in our program. Those who are not in our program need to call the office at 656-7185 and a Registration Form will be mailed to you.

**RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008:** Family Re-Registration Forms with Reports were mailed to the parents on Monday, May 14. Some forms have been returned for which we are very grateful. We will be delighted to get the rest of the forms so that we can arrange our classes for the NEW DRE. *Thank you.*

**NEW FAMILIES:** We will *WELCOME* new families into our Parish Family and Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to call the office at 656-7185 regarding registration and to make an appointment. Children entering Pre-School must be three years old by February 2007. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

**CLASSES:** All classes are held on Sunday, morning. Grades 7-10, 8:45-10:00am. Pre-School during the 9:00am. Liturgy. Kindergarten- Grade 6, 10:00 - 11:15am.

**CATECHISTS:** Sister Imelda is waiting to hear from those of you who are willing to share your Faith and your knowledge of God with our children. You will be given guidance as you assume this important ministry and our Catechist Guide is explanatory and detailed. Our openings are in Grade 1 to 6. Call as soon as possible so that you can have the Grade of your choice.(656-7185)

### **DELAWARE RIGHT TO LIFE TRUTH RALLY**

Delaware Right to Life will hold a Face the Truth rally in honor of fathers prior to the Wilmington Blue Rocks game Sat. June 16<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be provided that read, "Thanks, Dad, for being pro-life. Happy Father's Day!" Game time is 6:05pm. We will meet at the Riverfront on the sidewalk on Madison Street at 4:30pm. All are invited to join us at the game following the rally. Come thank your dad for choosing life.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

If you have had a baby or you are going to have a baby and want to have the baby baptized at St. Joseph's on the Brandywine it is necessary for the new parents (or parents to be) to attend a Baptism preparation class. The next class will be held on Sunday, June 24 at 10:30 in the Family Center. Please call or email Deacon Ed Lynch at 302-477-3200 during the day or at 302-654-7571 in the evening. His email address is felynch@wlnglaw.com. The ideal time to take the class is before the baby is born when you life will not be quite as hectic but if you cannot find a baby sitter to attend the class, bring the baby with you to the class.

### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

Affection Given And Received

We have often heard the quote that the fully human person is the glory of God. Whatever is truly human is good. Now there are many things that make us human. The greatest of these is love, and one area of love which needs more attention from many of us is the area of giving and receiving affection.

It's sad that today many of us have become afraid of the gift of affection. We judge that all affection is just a disguised form of sexual desire, and so we treat it as something to be avoided at all costs. We are in danger of becoming a politically correct and cold society. May God free us from such a terrible predicament.

Affection is not a soft, flimsy kind of reality. It can take on great strength when needed. Affection moves us to protect others, to stand up for their rights, not to let them be taken advantage of. If someone dared to harm our children, or spouse or our beloved pet, they would soon see that our affection is not a soft, wimpy kind of thing.

Affection has power. The lack of affection has caused many people to become desperate and to seek it in ways that are harmful to themselves and others. But, on the positive side, affection can give hope and security to us. They say that the best thing a man can do for his children is to love his wife. Children are so much more secure when they live in an atmosphere of loving affection. Aren't we all?

God became human in the person of Jesus. We also need to become more human. The glory of God is a man or woman fully alive – alive with love and the God-given gift of affection for one another.

### **A VOCATIONAL REFLECTION**

The Pharisees were concerned with pointing out sin; Jesus came to forgive sin and to reconcile sinners. Is God calling you to share in the ministry of reconciliation as a Catholic priest? If you are a healthy young man who believes he may have a vocation to the priesthood and if you're willing to embark on the adventure of a lifetime, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, jcocucci@cdow.org).

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

### “TENDING THE FLOCK”

To date total pledges for SJOB \$228,353 toward our goal of \$252,100. Remember, many of diocesan ministries depend on your support. Thank you for those who already responded to the pledge.

### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST

Parishes of the Brandywine Deanery are proud to present a dinner fiesta on Saturday, June 23, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Holy Rosary Parish, Claymont. Highlights include a delicious dinner, folkloric dancing, live music, testimonies, children's activities and lots of fun! Free admission. We will provide the main meal and beverages. Each individual or family is asked to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share, pot luck style. For further information, please contact Gloria Perez (981-2019), Ubel Velez (478-6126), or Br. Chris Posch (655-0518).

### RECITAL

St. Joe's choral director, Mary Ellen Schaubert, who is also a professional opera singer, invites you to attend an evening of songs and arias Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 PM. The recital takes place at Concord Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Foulk and Murphy Roads in Wilmington, and will feature works by Handel, Mozart, Chausson, Strauss, and others. The soprano will be accompanied by pianist Nancy G. Pressley.

### CARMEL COMES TO DELAWARE

Deacon Howard J. O'Connor, OCDS announces the establishment of the Secular Order Discalced Carmelite Study Group of the Espousal of Mary and Joseph in the State of Delaware. The Rev. Regis Jordan, OCD, Provincial Delegate of the Carmelite Order, in conjunction with the Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, Bishop of Wilmington, has granted permission to form this Group. Secular Order Carmelites are lay persons and clerics called to intimacy with Christ through contemplative prayer, participation in the liturgical life of the Church, and a zealous fulfillment of the Beatitudes according to the Spirit of the Teresian Carmel. Contact Deacon Howard J. O'Connor, OCDS; 124 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE. 19713-3558; E-Mail [moconnor124@comcast.net](mailto:moconnor124@comcast.net).

Peter's Pence collection will be taken next weekend. As we participate in this appeal, we join more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity.

*“Remembering your parish in your will helps ensure the continuation of the Lord's work in our community.”*

### Father's Day Novena

Those wishing to celebrate in the Father's Day novena may do so by filling out the envelopes found in church or monthly packets. Please drop them in the collection or in the drop box at the rectory. Thank you.



### Saturday (June 16)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

### Sunday (June 17)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. Richard & Jeffrey Reese by family

10:30 a.m. Edward Romanowski by family

### Monday (June 18)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Father's Day Novena

### Tuesday (June 19)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Father's Day Novena

### Wednesday (June 20)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Intentions for 2007 Graduates

### Thursday (June 21)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Father's Day Novena

### Friday (June 22)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Margaret G. Tomaine by Margaret Speicher

### Saturday (June 23)

8:00 a.m. Mary Cochran by family

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James S. Grant, Jr., requested by his family

### A Day of Prayer & Reflection

Jesus House is offering A day of Prayer and Reflection on Tuesday, June 26 "Exploring the Spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux," presented by Mary An Love, a secular Carmelite and coordinator in the office of parish Social Ministry for Catholic Charities 9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Cost: \$35 includes lunch. Mass at noon. To register, call Edie @ (302) 995-6859.

### Air Conditioning Collection will take place this weekend.

Envelopes can be found in your monthly envelop packets. *Some use it and some don't!* This year churches, businesses, and homeowners face higher energy costs. The Diocese is supplying parishes with energy-saving tips; the parish staff as well is taking steps to conserve energy. We are asking everyone to help with the added expense of utilizing the air conditioning which we all enjoy! Your generosity is appreciated.

### **The Prayer Chain!**

*The Silent Prayer Community, with the purpose of praying for your special needs as well as those written in the book of intentions in the back of church, is ready to serve you. Notify Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344 of your special intention.*