

Pastor's corner - August, 2009.

More than forty years ago in 1967 Pope Paul VI wrote the encyclical "Populorum Progressio" that became the main expression of the Church's social doctrine regarding the "development of peoples" in addition to the Vatican II document Gaudium et Spes and the long tradition ever since Rerum Novarum of Leo XIII in the 19th century.

Recognizing developments that had taken place over the intervening twenty years Pope John Paul II in the 1990's came out with two social encyclicals that build on Populorum Progressio; Sollicitudo Rei Socialis and Centesimus Annus and they dealt to a large extent with the social concerns of a period in which political ideologies defined the world.

On June 29 Pope Benedict XVI came out with a commemoration of Populorum Progressio in a new social encyclical called "Caritas in Veritate" - "Love (Charity) in Truth." In a subtitle it is defined as being "on integral human development in charity and truth." Already in his first encyclical "Deus Caritas Est (God is love)" the pope had touched on how believe in and relating with a God of love had consequences in the way we relate to one another in the world.

It is obvious that in the last twenty years other changes and developments have occurred which made an "update" necessary. The political ideologies of the seventies and eighties have been replaced with the new ideology of technology. Now that there are no longer two opposing power blocs, globalization has taken on new dimensions. Other large countries have emerged from the limelight and are now centre stage, changing the world geopolitical balance. Despite substantial opposition to the so-called world order international governance is more important and vital than ever, just think of the environment and the need to deal with global warming. This encyclical deals extensively with the themes of technology and the environment showing that nature is not a deposit of natural resources but "created word" entrusted to humanity "for the good of everyone." Another development of the last twenty years: religions have returned to play an important and controversial role in world development.

Archbishop Crepaldi, the secretary of the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace, observed: "For the first time the two fundamental rights: to life and to religious freedom are given explicit and extensive space in a social encyclical. They are organically linked to the question of development... In Caritas in Veritate the so-called anthropological question becomes to all intents and purposes a "social question."

Pope Benedict in this encyclical continuously refers to and connects Truth and Love: "Truth needs to be sought, found and expressed within the "economy" of charity, but charity in turn needs to be understood, confirmed and practiced in the light of truth. In this way, not only do we do a service to charity enlightened by truth, but we also give credibility to truth, demonstrating its persuasive and authenticating power in the practical setting of social living. This is a matter of no small account today, in a social and cultural context which relativizes truth, often paying little heed to it and showing increasing reluctance to acknowledge its existence. (Introduction, no.2)"

"Fidelity to man requires **fidelity to the truth**, which alone is the **guarantee of freedom** (cf. John 8:32) and of **the possibility of integral human development**. For this reason the Church searches for truth, proclaims it tirelessly and recognizes it wherever it is manifested. This mission of truth is something that the Church can never renounce. Her social doctrine is a particular dimension of this proclamation: it is a service to the truth which sets us free. (Intro. no.7)"

I urge you to read the 50 odd pages of this encyclical which you can find on the Vatican web site (<http://tinyurl.com/nhvaska>). Have a great month of August, a month of renewal in body and spirit.

Shalom.

Fr.Rolf, OP

Saanich Peninsula Parish



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Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am

Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home

See inside bulletin

SUNDAY READINGS AUGUST 2009:

- Aug. 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Ex 16.2-4, 12-15, 31 / Eph 4.17, 20-24 / Jn 6.24-35*
- Aug. 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time *1 Kings 19.4-8 / Eph 4.30-5.2 / Jn 6.41-51*
- Aug. 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Prov 9.1-6 / Eph 5.15-20 / Jn 6.51-58*
- Aug. 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time *Josh 24.1-2, 15-17, 18 / Eph 4.32-5.2, 21-32 / Jn 6.53, 60-69*
- Aug. 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *Deut 4.1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1.17-18, 21-22, 27 / Mk 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or Visitation Team, please call the office (250-656-7433).

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS

July 5th	\$5,473.35
July 12th	\$4,741.50
July 19th	\$3,854.00
July 26th	\$4,072.50
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,190.00

We welcome into our community in Baptism:

Christopher Storm Lee, child of Andrew & Nicole

Oceane Elodie Lee, child of Andrew & Nicole

Jeremy Patrick Holmes, child of William & Tania

Carson Alexandre Holmes, child of William & Tania

Jack George Horne, child of Jack and Esther

John Moody Henry, child of Esther Thomas

We offer congratulations on the celebration of the Marriages of:

Daniel Watson & Cynthia Rhodes

Robin Herrmann & Kimberley Walker

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion

10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

ANY LEFT-OVERS?

Remember the Gospel of the multiplication of the fish and loafs? Our parish community offers many ways to share our "leftover time", resources and love. Ministries addressing loneliness, poverty, global solidarity, welcoming, refugees and many other needs would be blessed by your presence and participation. Call and offer yourself and your "leftovers" to one of our outreach ministries. Your gifts will be multiplied and "distributed" to those in need and you will be blessed.

Aug. 6, Feast of the Transfiguration, is also the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Our church has spoken out forcefully on nuclear weapons. Let our government know! Fr. Rolf.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDERS

The Exec. meeting has been changed to **Aug. 11th** and the General meeting will be on Sept. 22nd.

THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS IN THE PARISH

TUESDAYS IN AUGUST

9:00am Mass
7:30pm K of C Exec. Mtg. (Aug. 11)

WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAYS IN AUGUST

9:00am Mass
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAYS IN AUGUST

Aug. 7th 9:00am at the home of George & Angie Swift, 6781 Amwell Dr., Brentwood Bay, 250-652-9729
Aug. 14th 9:00am at the home of Eileen Kroetsch, 250-652-2908
Aug. 21st 9:00am at the Legion Manor 7601 E. Saanich Rd.
7:30pm Concert at St. Elizabeth's
Aug. 28th 11:00am at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital

SATURDAYS IN AUGUST

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

8:30am Mass at OLO Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

ISLAND FARMS UPC CODES & POP TIN TABS

If you would be so kind as to save and bring in:

- Island Farms UPC codes (they donate 3¢ per UPC code to St. Andrews School), and
- Aluminum pop tin tabs (used to raise funds for wheelchairs).

An envelope for the codes and a container for the tabs will be in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking for volunteers to teach the course three program. Your time commitment would be approx. 2 hours class prep time and 1 hour and 15 min. class time once a week (Sundays 9:45-11am) from September to April. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parish. For more information please call Lynn at 250-652-2543 or you may e-mail me at lynn@spparish.com.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

The Prayer Group will not be meeting during the month of August. We will resume our meetings September 10th. Please continue to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Box in the foyer of St. Elizabeth's and the prayer group members will pray for your intentions.

ERITREA EMERGENCY

As you may know parts of Eritrea and Ethiopia are once again hit by drought and famine. The children of the parish have taken the initiative to collect their own and your coins and small change at the 10:30 mass. Dennis Schroeder will take all donations to the region of Feledareb where the Franciscan Sisters are helping those in need.

GENERAL

POOR CLARE MONASTERY TOUR: AUG. 8

Join the St. Patrick's CWL as they journey via bus to the Poor Clares in Duncan on Saturday, Aug. 8th. Leaving the St. Patrick's parking lot at 8:30am. Please bring a bag lunch and some goodies to share. Call Perlita at 250-294-3175 to reserve a spot, a non-refundable fee of \$20 is due when making reservations.

SUMMER FLOWER FESTIVAL: AUG 15 & 16

Light afternoon tea (\$4.00) from 2:00-3:30pm and Choral Evensong at 4:00pm on Sunday, Aug. 16th (by donation) at St. Mary's Church, East Saanich Rd. & Cultra Ave.

VICTORIA SUMMER CHOIR: AUG. 21

The "For Great Beauties" Concert 2009 will be held at St. Elizabeth's on Friday, Aug. 21st at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE: SEPT. 19

At Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. Mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Join us for prayer + ideas + networking and stay close + stay current + stay connected. For more info. call Jim O'Reilly at 250-479-1331 (Loc. 236) or jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org

MSGR. PHILIP HANLEY'S LABOUR OF LOVE

The Early History of the Catholic Church on Vancouver Island, 1843 - 1901. Available for \$15 at Koinonia Books.

HOSPITAL ADMITTANCE

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or other care facility and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to **have someone call the rectory or parish office** to make this request. We have no other way of knowing this information, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to us by the facility.

CHRISTIAN BED & BREAKFAST

Queenswood offers comfortable guest rooms for you or your summer visitors who enjoy a peaceful retreat environment in Victoria. For more information call 250-477-3822 ext. 0, or visit www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca/bb

SAINT FRANCIS MANOR BY THE SEA

Offers a high standard of living for seniors in a safe and comfortable environment, with spectacular oceanfront views on Dallas Rd. It is a fully renovated unique character home for 12 senior residents, providing a special quality of service to seniors by creating a Christian community with a spiritual home atmosphere. Call to arrange for a tea and a tour at 250-382-7999.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSN. CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Catholic Health Association of BC will be held at the Executive Plaza Hotel in Coquitlam on September 17th. The theme is "Nurturing a Living Mission in Today's Health Care Culture". There will be presentations by those who work and volunteer in caring for the sick and the elderly in care facilities and parish communities. The registration brochure is available by calling 604-524-3427 or at chabc.bc.ca. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: AUG. 9

At St. Stephen's, 2pm on Sunday, August 9th. Animals of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

MESSAGES

Thank you to all the many priests, parishioners of the parish who prayed for me, brought me communion, encouraged and visited me, wrote to me during these trying 6 months. How blessed I am, thank you all from the bottom of my grateful heart. God Bless You, Phyllis P. Jones