

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ **A Prayer to Sts. Peter and Paul** ~

O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul,
be my constant advocates before God.
Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
you are the Rock
upon which Almighty God has built His Church.
Saint Paul,
you were fore-chosen by God
as the Vessel of election,
and the Preacher of truth in the whole world.

Obtain for me a lively faith,
a firm hope,
and a burning love;
complete detachment from myself
and the world around me,
patience in adversity,
humility in prosperity,
attention in prayer, purity of heart,
a right intention in all my works,
diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life,
constancy in my resolutions,
resignation to the will of God,
and perseverance in the grace of God —
even unto death.
Lead me to the throne of my Eternal God
to enjoy His presence
and love Him forever.
Amen.

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Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL:

The season of Ordinary Time continues to be interrupted as we pause to celebrate a very important Feast this weekend — The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter and Paul are two very different people; yet each shared the common mission of Jesus — the spreading of the Gospel.

Saint Peter's name appears in the New Testament over 150 times. After Jerusalem, later sources name him the founder of the church at Antioch. Peter received thousands of Jews into the faith, and opened the church to the Gentiles. Ten years after the Ascension, Peter moved the seat of the church to Rome — the center of the Roman Empire — where he labored and built up the church for twenty-five years. Nero had him crucified, and his body was buried where Saint Peter's Basilica now stands in Vatican City.

Saint Paul's story is better known. He was present at, and oversaw, the stoning of Saint Stephen; he met God on his way to Damascus when he was struck blind. A convert to Christianity, Paul became the apostle to the Gentiles. Eventually he was beheaded, but not without leaving us fourteen epistles or letters that contain the most basic truths of our Christian faith.

It might be comforting to know that Paul and Peter squabbled and competed; they frequently challenged each other to grow in faith and the understanding of the message of Jesus. But they were both united in their fierce love of Jesus. And for this we are forever grateful.

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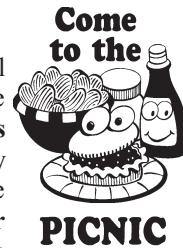
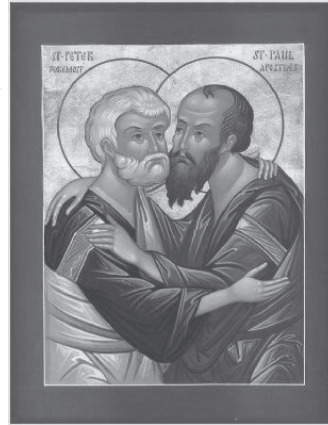
Put this date aside; mark your calendars! Sunday, July 13th is the date for our annual Chapel outdoor picnic. Every year, the Chapel picnic has been a great event for the entire family. The picnic will be held rain or shine from **11:15 AM – 1:30 PM. Family Mass takes place at 10:00 AM** and the picnic begins right after Mass — what a wonderful way to continue our celebration of community. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and beverages are provided. The rest will be pot luck. **Families should sign up and also bring your favorite side dish or desert to share if you can. Indicate what you are bringing on the Sign-up Sheet. Even if you are unable to bring a dish to share, please come anyway.** In order to properly prepare for our picnic, we ask that you please **RSVP to Patty [440-473-3560]** in the chapel office, or **sign-up on the sheet located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel.** Hope to see you there.

DRESSES FOR HONDURAS:

One of the nurses in our Gilmour Clinic is involved in a **dressmaking project** for the children of Honduras. They have devised a method of making sundresses out of common pillowcases, and then adorning them with other items for decoration. And that is where you come in. **If you have any old buttons, ribbon, ric-rac, lace or other sewing trim,** please bring them in. The group would like to collect these items to help decorate the dresses they are working on. This is an on-going project; the dresses will be sent to Honduras every time there is a mission trip. The next trip is scheduled for March of 2014. There will be a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

THE ADVENTURE:

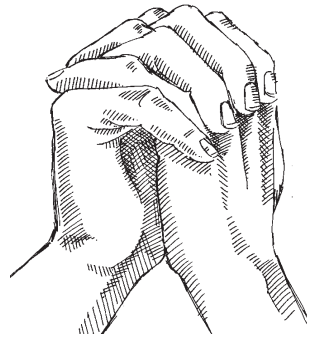
2 You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose site of the shore.
—Christopher Columbus

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Scott Morrison who is undergoing treatment for a stroke.
- For Kathy Lynch, guidance associate, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Abigail Bartlett ['19], who is recovering from knee surgery.
- For Anne Travassos, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Kathy Potenziani, sister of Gilmour Trustee, Frank Potenziani, and aunt of David Potenziani ['95] who is critically ill.
- For Michael Shea, brother of Lower School Teacher, Theresa Stark, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carolyn Hawk, mother of Gavin ['21] who is recovering from surgery.
- For Michael Thatcher who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Brother Henry Skitzki, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Monica Starks, mother of Faith ['20] and Monica Joy ['21], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Anne Raguso, wife of Joseph ['58], mother of Maureen ['92], Carolyn ['94] and former Gilmour student, Michael, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Janine Yardy, daughter of Geraldine Mockler, who is seriously ill.
- For Phylis McGinley, grandmother of upper school teacher, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-grandmother of Mollie ['21] and Abigail ['23] Edmondson, who is seriously ill.
- For Christian Connors, son of technology associate, Kevin Connors, who is continues in rehab following an accident
- For Mary Kampman, mother of Mark ['81], Matthew ['85], Dean ['86], and Douglas ['88] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Ray Sharnsky, long time Gilmour teacher and coach, who is experiencing medical complications following serious surgery.
- For Stephanie Batt ['04], daughter of Debbie Moss Batt, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Tristan Vanek, son of former Gilmour chef, Jeff Vanek, who is recovering from serious surgery.
- For Brother Joseph Berg, C.S.C., who is seriously ill following a stroke.
- For Karen Wanders, mother of upper school teacher, Jonathan, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a brain aneurysm.
- For Emily Jones, cousin of art instructor, Matt Vanek, who is undergoing treatment for seizures.
- For Ronja Holle, mother of John ['18] and Will ['20], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Karuna Singla, sister-in-law of Upper School science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil ['13] and Nupur ['17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dan Hathey, technology associate, who is undergoing treatment for cancer and a stroke.
- For Ida Urbancic, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Evelyn Catanese, great-aunt of Alyssa Solano ['15] who is critically ill.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope ['13] and James ['15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Ann Raymond, grandmother of Adam Lesko ['05] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dan Houlahan who is in rehabilitation following a brain aneurysm.
- For Sister Barbara Johns, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



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FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Rita Gray.
- For Catherine Ledbetter, mother of David Ledbetter [‘02]
- For Marcelle Wiseley.
- For Jerome Osborne, grandfather of Morgan Osborne [‘08]
- For Brother Philip Armstrong, C.S.C. .
- For John MacDougall
- For Dorothy Halcik, mother of Eric [‘83], aunt of upper school teacher, Eileen Pryatel, and great aunt of Michael [‘08], Steven [‘10], Megan [‘13], and Kevin [‘15] Pryatel.
- For Allen Gallo
- For Father Barry Cabell, C.S.C.
- For Carmel Tomaro.
- For Daniel Ferrari

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Bob Zolkowski who is recovering from surgery.
- For Jeffrey Warner who is undergoing treatment following a stroke.
- For Paul Heltzel [‘63], brother of Bob [‘65], father of Ryan [‘96], uncle of Jennifer [‘91] and Kathleen [‘93], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Warren Hersch who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Raymond Gmeiner, cousin of office associate, Linda Wheeler, who is crucially ill.
- For Marlene Beohmerle, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Margie Drew, who is undergoing treatment for blood clots.
- For Nancy Williams who is hospitalized with an infection.
- For Patricia Constantino, mother of Nancy [‘83] and Patty [‘85] Constantino, who is undergoing treatment for serious injuries sustained in a fall.
- For Tina Snyder, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a stroke.
- For Dominic Caporale, father of Raymond [‘81], who has been recently hospitalized.
- For Rob Rogers, husband of Kris, and father of Harry [‘22] who is undergoing treatment for an infection.
- For Janice Tomasone who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Ellie Kramer, mother of upper school instructor, Cyndi Smith, grandmother of Brandon [‘05], and Jarred [‘06] who has experienced serious complications after sustaining a broken leg.
- For Cheryl Arndt, Gilmour housekeeper, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS:

Each week, we are making available a **Children’s Worship Bulletin**. There are **two editions: [3-6] and [7-12]**. They are available on the table as you leave. The Bulletin focuses on the readings for the week. These are wonderful tools for your children to learn more about the scripture readings for the week. We hope you will take them for your families or your grandchildren. Thanks.



PRAY THE ROSARY:

Please join us as we **pray the Rosary every Saturday at 4:25 PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel. In the words of Pope John Paul II: “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance. It has the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.” Please join us.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul	10:00 AM
Monday, June 30:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, July 1:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, July 2:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, July 3: St. Thomas	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, July 4: Independence Day	NO MASS
Saturday, July 5: 14th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 6: 14th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM

COUNTDOWN TO THE FEST!

Don’t miss **the FEST!** All ages are welcome to spend the day at the 13th annual Catholic family FESTival on **Sunday, August 3rd** at the **Center for Pastoral Leadership** in Wickliffe. The FEST! brings **Third Day, Mandisa, Colton Dixon, For King and Country, Lee Roessler,** and **The 300** to the main stage along with faith-based activities for all ages. Come and enjoy delicious food along with great displays and presentations. The FEST! **Mass begins at 8:00 PM.** Join thousands from across the Diocese as we celebrate our faith with an outside Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. The day begins at **noon and continues through 10:00 PM.** All of the many events, activities, displays and directions can be found at www.thefest.us The FEST! is FREE and open to all. It’s a great family day. Make plans to come to the FEST!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Father John will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you on **every Saturday** between **3:30 – 4:00 PM.** Confessions are also available “by appointment.” The Reconciliation Room is located in the small chapel directly across from Father John’s Office.



REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

Amazing Grace is a song that is well known by most, if not all, of us. The closing lines of the first verse sound a prominent note for this weekend’s feast — *I once was lost, but now I’m found; was blind, but now I see.* These two giants of faith — Peter and Paul — both experienced the rescue that these words of the old hymn sing about. Peter, after all, was the disciple who denied that he even knew Jesus when the servant girl questioned him in the high priest’s courtyard; but the prayers of Jesus [Luke 22:31] turn him around and strengthen him to lead the rest of the disciples after Easter and Pentecost. And Paul was that zealous persecutor of the Christian movement — “breathing murderous threats” [Acts 9:1] — who needed to be confronted by the risen Jesus in person before he saw the light, and was changed from premier persecutor to prime promoter of the Christian mission.

Not only that, but both of these men also experienced the Lord’s rescue in dramatic physical ways. Peter enjoyed a miraculous release from prison [see Acts 12]; and the rescues that Paul refers to in his letter to the Church at Corinth [2 Corinthians 11:23-27] lists his multiple imprisonments, beatings, a stoning, three shipwrecks, and “a night and a day on the deep” — all of which God brought him through.

The lives of Peter and Paul demonstrate that the life of a disciple is a life that knows God as rescuer — finding oneself on the receiving end of divine love. And that could not be any more clear than in Jesus’ appointment of Peter — “you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church” [Matthew 16].

When Jesus asks the Twelve: “But who do you say that I am?”, the impetuous Simon bar Jonah stumbles remarkably into the right answer: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” [Matthew 16:16]. Jesus congratulates him that he got that right — not because of any insight of his own, but because Jesus’ heavenly Father revealed it to him. Whereupon Jesus dubs Simon with the nickname Kepha [or “Rock,” Petros in Greek], and goes on to say: “And on this kepha [petra in Greek] I will build my church.” So Simon will be the material foundation of the new community — pictured metaphorically as a temple; but the builder is clearly Jesus.

How much Simon will still need “outside help” to carry out his role as Rock becomes clear a moment later, when he objects to Jesus’ prediction of his coming suffering and death in Jerusalem, and Jesus calls him “Satan” and “stumbling stone”. Without God’s help, the foundation stone can become a stone of stumbling — a cautionary note for all of us who are given authoritative roles in the church — i.e. everyone from the pope, through bishops, priests, and deacons, to teachers, spouses, parents and friends.

As always, when we celebrate heroes of the faith like Peter and Paul, we celebrate what the grace of God can do with mere human flesh.

—taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

A PRAYER:

Lord, your very life flows through my veins. Why don’t I think of this more? Why do I let myself act as if this world were all there is? I know that my life now is a training ground of love — a chance to exercise the virtues of faith, hope, and love that you have grafted into my soul, an opportunity to spread your Kingdom to those around me. In my fidelity to that mission is your pleasure, in it is my joy.

—Fr. John Bartunek



Wouldn’t it be great if someone could say similar words about us during our funeral than to simply mention that “He or she was a good Roman Catholic?”

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, which appear on the internet

ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3rd [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5th [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, **please give your name to Father John.** You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

During our Masses this weekend, we are commissioning a number of new Eucharistic Ministers. We will shortly begin to discern a new group of Eucharistic Ministers who would undergo training soon. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you in that ministry here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. We are need of ministers for both our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. **Contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you feel called to this ministry.**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Amos 2:6-16, Matthew 8:16-22
- Tuesday:** Amos 3:1-12, Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** Amos 5:14-24, Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Ephesians 2:19-22, John 20:24-29
- Friday:** Amos 8:4-12, Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15, Matthew 9:14-17

14th Week in Ordinary Time: Zechariah 9:9-10, Romans 8:9-13, Matthew 11:25-30

GILMOUR SUMMER CAMPS:

Gilmour Summer Camps have something for everyone! Offerings include camps for **preschoolers**; weekly **day camp** adventures; special interest camps, such as **Legomania**, **Ace of Bakes**, and **Make your Own Movie**; high school **courses for credit and enrichment**; and a variety of **sports camps** — hockey, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer and many more. Camp programs run from June 9th - August 15th. To get more information, or to register for Gilmour Summer Camps, go to www.gilmour.org or call 440-684-4580.



PETER'S CALL TO LIVE THE MOMENT:

Even Catholic Scripture scholars agree that the biblical role of Peter isn't to be the first pope — it's to be a witness to Jesus' resurrection. Accustomed to hearing Jesus' well-known words to Peter against the background of the hierarchical church structure which we've created through the centuries, it's difficult to put ourselves in the place of Matthew's original readers — Jewish/Christians who had a frame of mind about Jesus and his church different from that which most of us Gentile/Christians have.

The majority of commentators on Matthew's gospel are convinced the evangelist and his community were still expecting Jesus' Parousia in their lifetime. So they'd have little reason to expect "their Jesus" to set up a structure that would guarantee their existence for thousands of years down the road. Along with most of Jesus' earliest followers, they were much more interested in the here and now than in the distant future.

But even more important is the fact that they were Jews — Israelites who hadn't given up their religion when they bought into the reforms Jesus preached. None of them believed that this Capernaum carpenter had created a new religion — He simply had created a new way of looking at and living the Jewish religion they already professed.

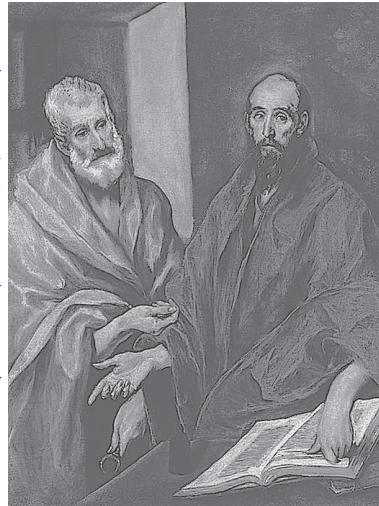
Unlike most of their fellow Jews, who at the most regarded Jesus to be just another prophet, they — following the lead of Peter — believed Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God" [Matthew 16:13-19]. This unique belief in the presence of the living God among them was the "rock" on which their Christian community was built — the guarantee that the "gates of the nether world" would never wipe them out. They would always be able to overcome any evil that would confront them.

But that faith would also enable Peter — and the whole community [Matthew 18:16-17] — to know what to "bind and loose." Just like their Jewish proto-rabbis, those who believed in the presence of the risen Jesus could definitively determine which of the 613 Laws of Moses applied to them and which didn't. Their faith was the key which opened the "kingdom of heaven" for them.

In Matthew's gospel, the kingdom of heaven normally doesn't refer to the place we're planning to inhabit after our physical deaths. As a good Jew, Matthew tries to avoid using the word God. In Matthew's Gospel, the kingdom of heaven is Jesus' way of talking about God working effectively in our lives right here and now. The necessity to surface that presence is at the heart of Jesus' preaching. But after his own death and resurrection, his followers also employed it to describe their faith in the risen Jesus working effectively in their daily lives. It's that faith which enabled them to look at everyone and everything from a different perspective — the rock which gave stability to their lives.

Instead of setting up the papacy, Matthew's Jesus is setting up a way of living one's faith. Those who preach the risen Jesus will be saved from annihilation by the risen Jesus. Peter's being delivered from Herod's clutches is classic [Acts 12:1-11]. Nothing or no one — not even the forces of evil — will ever stop God's word from being proclaimed.

Following along the same trail, the disciple of Paul who composed Paul's second Letter to Timothy saw in his mentor's life and martyrdom a practical example of his deep rooted Christian faith — "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith" [2 Timothy 4:6-18].

**PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE AND GOODNESS:**

Once again this year, we are going to undertake our **Planting Seeds of Hope school supply program**. Our Lady Chapel is working to assist the needy children of **St. Adalbert's Parish**. Come join us as we work together to help these children get the school year off to a good start come this Fall. While Fall seems to be a long ways off, we need to begin this project now, even as the summer months provide challenges of their own to each of us.

The following is a list of school supplies that need adopting to help with this effort — **Facial tissue boxes; hand sanitizer; hand soap; pocket plastic folders; Clorox wipes; white chalk; No.2-pencils; paper towels; large pink pencil erasers; black ink pens; notebook paper; crayons-jumbo 8 pack; pencil pouches; single subject notebooks** [any and all quantities of these supplies are welcome!].

Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. Kindly **return the items between now and August 3rd** to Our Lady Chapel. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it "St. Adalbert's or drop it off in the chapel office.** "Come Grow with us" — as together, we work and plant our seeds of goodness to this community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping the children of St. Adalberts! Any questions please feel free to call **Carol Jones [440.223.5828]**.

AMAZON.COM:

Please remember that when you want to buy something from Amazon.com, you need to first go to www.ourladychapel.org and click on the Amazon logo at the bottom of the home page! Because of this simple step — and at no cost to the purchaser — Our Lady Chapel receives a percentage of all purchases that are made from Amazon.com. Ever since we have begun this program, we have consistently been receiving significant checks from Amazon that are being credited to help pay for chapel expenses. This affinity program remains in effect throughout the year, so we ask everyone to continue to remember to start your purchases at Amazon on the Our Lady Chapel home page! Thank you.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

Have you ever done an "examination of conscience?" Many people with a mature conscience do this naturally — and some way too much. Instead of just looking a "rights" and "wrongs" of your day, step back from your compulsive identification and unquestioned attachment to yourself to be truly conscious. Pure consciousness cannot be "just me", but instead is able to watch "me" from a distance. It is aware of me seeing, knowing, and feeling. Most people do not understand this awareness because they are totally identified with their own thoughts, feelings, and compulsive patterns of perception — they have no proper distance from themselves. It is for this reason that so many of our mystics and saints emphasized detachment. Without it, people could not move to any deep level of consciousness — much less to the level of soul. Meister Eckhart said detachment was almost the whole spiritual path, and the early Franciscans seemed to talk about nothing else — although they called it "poverty." We do not live in a culture that much appreciates detachment or such poverty. We are consumers and capitalists by training and habit — which is exactly why we have such problems with addiction to begin with. We always think more is better. For properly detached, non-addicted persons, deeper consciousness comes rather naturally. They discover their own soul — which is their deepest self, and thus have access to a Larger Knowing beyond themselves.



CONTINUING THE MISSION:

Today we celebrate the feast of two great saints — saints we consider, after Christ, to be the very cornerstones of the Church. Two great saints who are yet two very human creatures — Paul the persecutor of Christians; Peter who denied Christ three times. And yet it is entirely typical of the way God deals with his people that these two unlikely characters should become such important figures in the establishment of the Church. For God chooses the weak to confound the strong. And he so often intervenes in the lives of the most unlikely people so as to bring about a conversion — a complete turnaround. So that instead of undermining the action of God in the world they actively promote it.

Peter and Paul are well balanced with complimentary gifts — Peter, the Prince of Apostles, the touchstone of unity in the Church to this very day; and Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, the first and the greatest Christian Missionary. These two poles of unity and mission are the hallmarks of the Catholic Church. They are at the root of our faith, and each one of us needs to reflect them in our own lives. We need to constantly review our lives to see that we are actively building up the unity of the Church, and that we are also widening its boundaries.

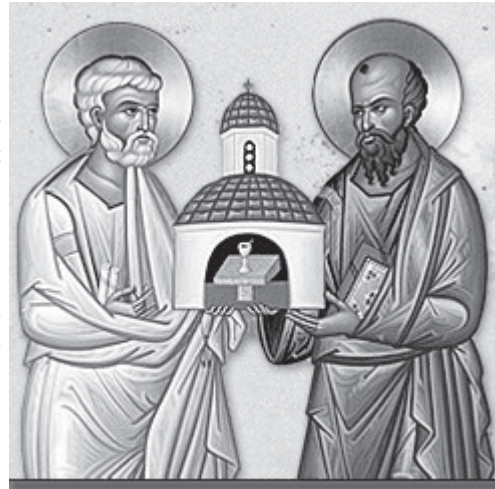
You might say that this is too big a task for one person — and you would be right. But nothing will be done unless each one of us accepts his or her share of responsibility for these things. You can get a situation where everyone thinks that unity within the parish is a good idea but yet nobody does much about it; then all you need are one or two people who act divisively, and everything falls apart.

Each one of us must actively strive to build up unity within our Christian community. That means we must work together, socialize together, and pray together. If no one was willing to jump in an help, if no one bothered to socialize, and if no one took the trouble to pray or worship together, our parish church would cease to exist. Hopefully we do these things well, but we could always do them better. Take those three things — working, socializing and praying — and let each of us resolve to do a little more in each of these areas. If that happens, our faith community will transform from a good one to a really excellent one.

The same goes for the family. There we have also to work, socialize and pray together in order to be a fully functioning family. One of the best places to do these three things is around the family table. When we prepare a meal, there is work to be done, and it shouldn't all fall on one person. The food needs to be bought and prepared, the table must be set, the food served, the dishes washed, and everything cleared up. When each person plays his or her part, the whole family works together smoothly and we all feel better as a result.

Because of the different generations within the family, socializing can sometimes be difficult — we don't all like the same kinds of music, or the same kinds of trips out. But around the table we generally have little problem socializing with each other — we can share our experiences and no one needs to dominate. It is really not so difficult to avoid arguments for an hour at mealtimes!

We know that prayer is quite often difficult within the family. Things were probably better when



first begin to find our legs in the world — are part of God's plan and God's lure. The passion and consolation we feel help lead us out of ourselves — beyond fear and selfishness. But, eventually, the good feelings themselves become the problem because we get hung-up on them rather than on what's behind them.

Honeymoons are wonderful, but, on a honeymoon, generally we are more in love with being in love and all the wonderful energy this creates than we are in love with the person behind all those feelings. The same is true for faith and prayer. When we first begin to pray seriously, we generally are more in love with the experience of praying and what it's doing for us than we are in love with God. On any honeymoon — no matter how intense and pure the feelings seem — those feelings are still very much about ourselves and not about the person we think we love. That is why, sadly, many a warm, passionate honeymoon eventually turns into a cold, passionless relationship.

Until we are purified — and we are purified precisely through dark nights of disillusionment — we are too much seeking ourselves in love and in everything else. Therese of Lisieux used to warn: "Be careful not to seek yourself in love, for you'll end up with a broken heart that way!" We'd have less heartaches if we understood that. As well, before we're purified, most of the tears we shed — no matter how real the pain or loss — say more about us than they say about the person or situation we are supposedly mourning.

In all this, there's both bad news and good news. The bad news is that everything we feel as precious will someday be taken from us. Everything gets crucified — including every feeling of warmth and security we have. But the good news is that it will all be given back again, more deeply, more purely, and even more passionately in terms of feeling.

What dark nights of the soul — cataclysms of the heart — do is to take away everything that feels like solid earth so that we end up in a free-fall, unable to grab on to anything that once supported us. But, in falling, we also get closer to bedrock — to God, to reality, to truth, to each other, beyond illusions, beyond selfishness, and beyond manipulative love masquerading as something else. Clarity of eyesight comes after disillusionment; purity of heart comes after a certain kind of heartache; and real love comes after the honeymoon.

—taken from the writings of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., which appear on the internet

SUPPORT MAGGIE'S PLACE — OUR LIFETEEN PROJECT:

Our Teens have undertaken a project to help the residents of **Maggie's Place [Zehcariah's House]** — located in Parma — by keeping their pantry filled with wholesome foods, as well as providing some common needs of the residents.



Maggie's place helps women and children who have fallen on hard times. **Every 3rd Weekend of the month, we will collect food items for the pantry as well as personal items for those who live in Maggie's House. Our teens will then take these items down to Maggie's House.** Here is what we need: **Clothing hangers, Garbage bags, Hair brushes, Toilet paper, Baby wipes, Dishwasher detergent, Bottle brushes, Scotch Tape, Canned food, Pacifiers, Baby-safe laundry soap, and Dried Fruits & Nuts.** Just place the items in the narthex of the chapel — right by the "registration table", and our teens will take them from there. We hope you will join us in this wonderful outreach to families who are going through tough times. **Our next collection is on the Weekend of July 20-21.** Thanks for helping.

LIVE LIFE:

Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others.

—Helen Keller

summoned from within ourselves the muscle of Peter and intellect of Paul to serve Jesus.

There is something else that Peter and Paul and we have in common. It is dynamism. The dynamic founders of Rome received their strength from the Holy Spirit of the Father and Son. We have also received this strength, this dynamism, to some degree or other. The dynamism — the strength to lead others to God — was given to us at our Pentecost — our confirmation. When we set our minds to living for the Lord, others will hear his presence calling to them from within us. That is how the Kingdom of God has spread from Peter’s fishing nets and Paul’s Hebrew studies to Rome and far, far beyond. It is the Holy Spirit — the dynamic presence of God — within each of us that has makes the Church a living reality in the world.

Determination and dynamism — these are the marks of these great saints. May determination and dynamism mark our lives, as we strive to continue the apostolic mission of the Church.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us!

—taken from the writings of Father Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

CATAclysms OF THE HEART:

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul writes these moving words: “I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race” [2 Timothy 4:6-18]. There are times when the world unravels. Who hasn’t had this feeling? — “I’m falling apart! This is beyond me! My heart is broken! I feel betrayed by everything! Nothing makes sense any more! Life is upside down!”

Jesus had a cosmic image for this. In the gospels, he talks about how the world, as we experience it, will someday end: “The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give forth its light, stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken” [Matthew 24:29]. When Jesus says this, he is not talking as much about cosmic cataclysms as of cataclysms of the heart. Sometimes our inner world is shaken, turned upside down; it gets dark in the middle of the day, there’s an earthquake in the heart, and we experience, in effect, the end of the world as we’ve known it.

But, Jesus assures us, too, in this upheaval, that one thing remains the same — the word of God, God’s promise of fidelity. That doesn’t get turned upside down, and, in our disillusionment, we are given a chance to see what really is of substance, permanent, and worthy of our lives. Thus, ideally at least, when our trusted world is turned upside down we are given the chance to grow, to become less selfish, and to see reality more clearly. Christian mystics call this “a dark night of the soul”, and they write it up as if God was actively turning our world upside down and causing all this heartache deliberately to purge and cleanse us.

John of the Cross, the great Spanish mystic, puts it this way: “God gives us seasons of fervor and then takes them away. In our seasons of fervor, God gives us consolation, pleasure, and security — sometimes with considerable passion and intensity — inside our relationships, prayer, and work. As a gift from God, this is meant to be enjoyed. But, John tells us, God will, at a certain point, take away the pleasure and consolation and we will experience a certain dark night — namely, where we once felt fire, passion, consolation, and security, we will now feel dryness, boredom, disillusion, and insecurity.” For John of the Cross, all honeymoons eventually end.

Why? Why would God do this? Why can’t a honeymoon last forever?

Because eventually — though not initially — it blocks us from seeing straight. Initially all those wonderful feelings we feel when we first fall in love — when we first begin to pray deeply, and when we

we were little and our parents helped us to say our prayers. But as we grow older, it can feel embarrassing, and we don’t all have the same degree of faith, and while it might be fine to worship alongside each other in Church, it is not quite so easy to pray together in the home.

But grace before meals is still considered an acceptable ritual. We should take care not to lose it, and if we have lost it, we should try to reinstate it. Perhaps we might introduce it on a special occasion and then try to keep it going on Sundays, or whenever we sit down as a family to eat. A good way is for someone to say the simple prayer that we know so well — “Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord.” Then perhaps each one could briefly say aloud some intention they would like the others to pray for, and then draw it together by saying the Lord’s prayer — and “bless the cook!”

The family meal can provide us with a means of working on these three important areas of work, socialization, and prayer which can build up our families and make them really united. It is this kind of unity that is symbolized by this Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The unity of family is also a witness to mission — a witness to the Gospel of Christ. We can give this witness in hundreds of ways. The crucifix on the walls of your home, your presence at Mass as a family, and becoming involved in the various outreach programs that we offer — all these witness to your neighbors — as well as to each other — to your family’s faith. Even the smallest of things can give testimony to Christ and so help build up his kingdom here on earth.

We are all aware that the world is growing more and more secular and we might feel that the Gospel values are no longer reflected in the media and in the life of our nation. It is really interesting to note in our society, fewer people know the common prayers — The “Our Father”, “Hail Mary”, or “Glory be”. Fewer people know how to pray the rosary. But it’s just an indicator of real cultural deficiency.

There is no doubt at all that we Christians really have to do more on a national and local level to evangelize our society. But again, this is not something that can be left to a few — all of us must play a part. We cannot be anonymous Christians in our world — we have to be identifiable.

People will not be convinced by slogans or advertising — they will only be convinced by persons. We are those persons. Our task is to stand up and be counted for who we are, and to demonstrate by our lives that Christ is our Lord, and that we have found salvation in him.

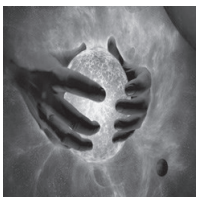
Saints Peter and Paul are our models, our guides, and our real helpers in all these tasks. As they did, we too can — with the grace of Christ — overcome our human weaknesses and be involved in building up the unity of the Church and widening its boundaries.

—taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

What is good for the world will be good for us. That requires that we make the effort to *know* the world and to learn what is good for it. We must learn to cooperate in its processes, and to yield to its limits. But even more important, we must learn to acknowledge that the creation is full of mystery; we will never entirely understand it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence. For it is only on the condition of humility and reverence before the world that we will be able to remain in it.

—Wendell Berry



HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Those who work most for the world’s advancement are the ones who demand least.

—Henry Doherty

PETER AND PAUL ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK:

Can you imagine what it would have been like if Peter and Paul were on Facebook — or if they could Tweet? If Peter were on Facebook, he would have had a whole bunch of friends. People from all over the world could have seen pictures of him entering Rome, standing in the forum, waving from a seat in the Coliseum, eating gelato at the chariot races. People in China could have read his sermons. If Paul could have tweeted, he would have followers everywhere. They could have read his reactions to the Galatians returning to Judaism in only 140 words or less. He would have had to condense his Letter to the Romans a bit — or extend it over a few hundred tweets — but he still would have been very popular.

But Peter did not have Facebook, and Paul did not have a Twitter account — in fact, they didn't even have electricity or phones. Still, they knew how to get the Gospel message out. Peter traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch to Rome. It was certainly clear to the Romans that this Peter and Paul whom they held captive in Rome were mainly responsible for the quick spread of Christianity throughout the empire. The Romans thought they could stop this by killing them both — crucifying Peter head down and beheading Paul. But Peter and Paul had a communication system infinitely more powerful than Facebook or Twitter — they had the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the force that worked through them and through all Christians to convert the world to Jesus Christ.

Consider this — there was not a whole lot impressive about Paul's physical stature — he was little. Actually, his name was changed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul as a bit of a joke, Paul comes from the Latin word "Paulus" for little. He was fiery, true, and there were people throughout the ancient world who listened to him or read his letters. But there was more to Paul than met the eye. The people he spoke to not only became followers of the new way of life; they willingly offered their lives for Jesus Christ. Paul gave them the Holy Spirit he had received. They lived and died — not for Paul, but for God. Peter was a large fisherman. The remains uncovered under St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and marked — "Here lies Peter," are those of a large man. Peter was a fisherman. How many fishermen became the leaders of movements that changed the world? But Peter did not do this on his own.

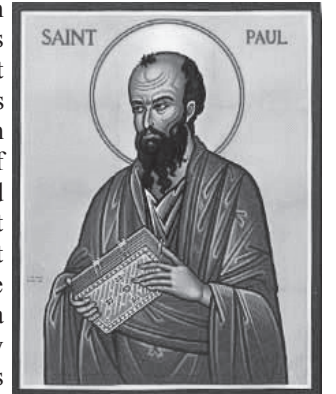


Jesus made it quite clear to Peter in Matthew 16:17 that His Heavenly Father inspired Peter to proclaim that Jesus was the Christ. Peter would be inspired by the Spirit throughout his life. He would feed the Lord's sheep. Revelation 11 speaks about two witnesses who would be put to death in the great pagan city, but who would rise and give testimony to God. Perhaps Revelation was speaking about Moses and Elijah. Or, perhaps it was speaking about Peter and Paul, who would have died before Revelation was written. Certainly, Peter and Paul gave witness to Jesus Christ with their words, their deeds, and their lives. The power that Peter and Paul had to spread the Gospel has been given to us. We have received the Holy Spirit.

We can be witnesses to Jesus Christ. Others can see Christ in us, and through the working of the Holy Spirit return to God. We need to be less concerned about our stature in the world — be it physical or social — and more concerned about our place in the Body of Christ. We need to focus on Jesus Christ, as Saints Peter and Paul did. We need to let His Spirit work through us. Peter and Paul did not have Facebook or Twitter. They didn't need them. And we don't either. We have what they had — we have the Holy Spirit. We pray today that through the intercession of these two great saints of the Church we might have the determination and the courage to proclaim Jesus Christ.

charism. The successor of Peter is Pope because the Pope is Bishop of Rome. Tradition has it that when Peter was led to be crucified, he asked to be crucified upside down because he said that he did not deserve to die the same way that Jesus died. The early Church had the tradition of building basilicas over the tombs of the martyrs. Excavations under the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome have found the body of a large boned man from middle East. It most likely is Peter's body.

Paul could not have differed more than Peter if he tried. Paul was an educated man. He studied at the feet of the great Hebrew scholar Gamaliel. Physically, Paul was a small man. His name was changed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul as a bit of a joke. Paul or Paulus means "small" in Latin. He was small, but he was a dynamo. He was one of those Pharisees who did everything possible to destroy the followers of Jesus. He was present when the first martyr, Stephen, was stoned to death. He approved. He then went on raids, arresting Christians wherever he could find them and turning them into the Jewish authorities who would imprison or kill them. But Jesus called Paul as he traveled to Damascus. And although the scripture does not say anything about Paul being knocked off a horse — medieval painters created that legend — Paul certainly was knocked for a loop when the vision of the Lord told him that instead of serving God, he was fighting the will of the Almighty. After his conversion, Paul used his intelligence and determination to spread the message of the Kingdom, traveling throughout the Western section of the Roman Empire, writing the Letters to the infant churches, and completely sacrificed his life for the Kingdom of God. The statue in front of the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls of Rome depicts a determined Paul holding a sword. Tour guides, who often tend to say whatever comes to their mind, might tell you that the sword refers to Paul's death by beheading, but if you look closely at it, it is a two edged sword. It refers to Sacred Scripture. The Letter to the Hebrews says that the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than a two edged sword, penetrating between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and reflections of the heart [Hebrews 4:12]. The Word of God that became the flesh of Jesus Christ forced Paul to make a radical change in his life.



Two very different saints — one a large and ignorant fisherman, the other a small and educated scholar — yet two very similar saints in this — they shared the determination to live and die for the Kingdom of God, even if this meant that they needed to make radical changes in their lives. Even if this meant that they had to sacrifice their lives. And sacrifice their lives they did.

There is some Peter and some Paul in each of us. Each of us harbor some of their inadequacies. Each of us also enjoy some of their strength. On the negative side, all of us tend to bungle through life like Peter, making great promises, taking great oaths, and then backing down when the situation becomes too tough, too demanding. How many times have we all compromised standing for the Lord in order to prevent being mocked by the crowd. Sometimes we go through life like the firestorm that was Saul of Tarsus, convinced that our view of the world is correct and willing to destroy anyone who disagrees with us. Like Paul before his conversion, charity becomes secondary to making a point well, and loudly. Paul was aware of this. Paul was the one who wrote to the Church at Corinth: "Nothing is greater than love. Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not jump to conclusions. It bears all, it endures all. There is faith, there is hope and there is love. But the greatest of these is love" [see 1 Corinthians 13].

There are also a lot of the good qualities of Peter and Paul in each of us. Serious about our Christianity, we all have a tremendous desire to serve the Lord in whatever way he calls us. We all have

PETER AND PAUL — DETERMINATION and DYNAMISM:

In celebrating the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, we have an opportunity here to take a closer look at the two most dynamic saints of the primitive Church. Their feast is celebrated together because both Peter and Paul traveled to spread Christianity to Rome where they were both martyred. They are the principal patrons of the Church of Rome. It would be hard to find two individuals who differed more. Peter was a common worker — a fisherman, with no formal education as best as we can tell. He responded to Jesus' call to follow, and then stumbled his way through the Lord's public life, and beyond. Peter recognized that Jesus was the Messiah, and professed his faith to the Lord in Capernaum — “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Peter had faith enough to walk on water himself to meet Jesus on the Sea of Galilee, but then he thought about what he was doing, focused on himself instead of on Jesus and began to drown. That's why Jesus chided him as one of little faith.

We have those wonderful and terrible scenes involving Peter during the last twenty-four hours of the Lord's life on earth. At the Last Supper, Jesus performs a prophetic act, and washes the feet of the disciples. Jesus' point was that he would humble himself to serve others, and that they should do the same. When Jesus got to Peter, Peter said: “You will not wash my feet” [John 13:8-9].

Jesus replied: “Then, you will have no part of me.”

Peter said: “In that case, Lord, wash my feet, my head, hands and body.”

“Calm down,” Jesus said, “Your feet makes the point.”

Later in the meal Peter boasted that he would never lose faith in Jesus. Jesus replied that Peter would deny him three times before dawn. And Peter did deny the Lord three times after Jesus was arrested [see Luke 22].

But Peter also reaffirmed his faith in Jesus three times after the resurrection [see John 21]. The Resurrected Jesus asked him: “Do you love me, Simon Peter?”

“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

“Then feed my sheep.”

“Do you love me Simon Peter?”

“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

“Then tend to my lambs.”

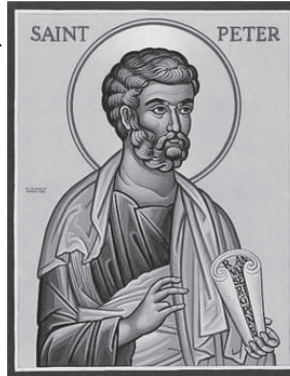
“Do you love me Simon Peter?”

“Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

“Then feed my sheep. For a day will come when others will bind you and take you to where you do not wish to go.”

Peter assumed the leadership of the other disciples conferred on him by the Lord, but was dressed down by Paul when he started treating Christians who had been Jewish as better than those who had been gentiles. Peter was so very human — even after Pentecost, he still could let his humanity get the worst of him.

Still, Peter was determined to spread the faith. He traveled to Rome — the center of the world — where he became the apostle of Rome, or the first bishop of Rome. Because Jesus placed Peter over all the other disciples, those who assume his place as Bishop of Rome also receive his spirit, or grace, or

**GIFTED TO SERVE:**

There are many ways that Catholics enter into a deeper union with God. Theologian Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., wrote: “Baptism in the Holy Spirit manifests itself in adults when they say ‘yes’ to what objectively took place during the rites of initiation — baptism and confirmation.” Catholics speak of being “baptized in the Holy Spirit.” This statement does not change the Catholic teaching about the Sacrament of Baptism — it simply means that the power of the Spirit received in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation often awaits a fuller “release” in the lives of many Christians.

Is being “baptized in the Holy Spirit” Scriptural? Jesus used this term when He told His disciples: “John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” [Acts 1:5]. Then Jesus said: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem... to the ends of the earth” [8]. The fruits of being baptized in the Holy Spirit are a more personal relationship with Jesus, a greater love for scripture and for the Holy Eucharist, a desire for prayer and to join with others in praise and worship of God, to call to serve others, a deep sense of peace, and an increased love for the Father, for Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and for Mary. In March, 2002, Saint John Paul II said: “Yes! The Renewal in the Spirit can be considered a special gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church in our time. Born in the Church and for the Church, your movement is one in which, following the light of the Gospel, the members experience the living encounter with Jesus, fidelity to God in personal and community prayer, confident listening to His Word and a vital rediscovery of the Sacraments — not to mention courage in trials and hope in hardship.”

The 32nd Cleveland Charismatic Conference sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries will be held July 18th and 19th at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. Guest speakers will be Patti Mansfield, Deacon Ralph Poyo, and local speaker Michele TePas Harrison. The theme is *Gifted to Serve*. The conference opens on Friday at 7:00 PM. All teens will be admitted for free. Adult registration through July 9th is \$30, and at the door \$35. For registration information visit <http://www.crmweb.org>. If you have any questions, please email Denise Calabrese at d-calabrese@att.net.

LIFETEEN BIBLE STUDY RETURNS THIS SUMMER:

Once again this summer, we gathering at various summertime places to do our Bible Study. Teens and Middle School Students will join together with many of our college students who will be in the area for the summer. It will be a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. Recall last summer when a number of people came up to us and asked us what we were doing, and when they found out we were doing a Bible Study, they were moved. **Our next gathering will take place on Monday evening, June 30th. We are meeting at the Pizzazz next to John Carroll at 6:30 PM. Bring your appetite and enjoy some Bible Study.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful summertime activity. **During the summer months, we will meet for Bible Study generally every other week — normally on Tuesdays.** Join us. You'll have a blast.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out. —Art Linkletter



IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT SKIN — MODESTY AND OUR DESIRE TO BE SEEN:

“That backless dress is going to look really good at a summer pool party.” “This string, fringe top bikini is sexy. Beach week here I come!” “These high waisted, jean cutoffs look perfect. I knew all those squats were worth it.” “I need a black lace bandeau to go under my sheer cream tank top. Everything’s covered right?” “As long as most of my stomach is covered, we are good.” These are the thoughts of young women everywhere as we battle a culture that tells us skin is sexy, and you can never show too much of it. Mottos like: “flaunt it if you’ve got it,” allow our perceptions of our bodies to define our dignity and worth. Sex appeal reigns supreme and dictates our fashion choices — “Dress to impress,” has taken on an entirely different meaning.

Certainly every one of us has experienced walking into the mall, searching through the racks of shorts, and finding that they have been cut two inches shorter than last year. We look through the summer dresses and see the cut-outs in the back have grown larger. The crop tops are shorter, the shirts are more sheer, and the bikinis are stringier. Is this your normal? Are these the thoughts and experiences you deal with on a daily basis? Do you wonder why the clothes described above are not modest? And why modesty is such a big deal? What is modesty really? And what is the point?

Now, some of you may be saying: “Who is this woman, and who gave her the authority to make these calls?” “Why does she get to judge me, based on what I am wearing? She doesn’t know my life! Finding modest clothes can be impossible!”

First, I am not here to judge you. We are all in the middle of a struggle, and I know the struggle is real! I feel your pain. I am highly qualified to grumble with you ladies because I can whine with the best of them. As a 5’ 10” woman with curvy hips and legs that seem to go on for a mile, finding a skirt or dress that hits close to my knees can be more challenging than running a marathon — and I have run two marathons.

In the middle of the search, we can be tempted to give up and give into thoughts of, “these booty shorts are fine, everyone else wears them — I will blend in,” or “this bandeau, under a sheer tank top is not scandalous; it’s summer, and it’s what everyone is wearing,” or “I’m only wearing this bikini to beach week because I need to work on my tan lines.”

When we start to sacrifice modesty for trends or tan lines, we have lost sight of the bigger picture.

Let’s look at modesty in a new way. We live in a pornified culture — an over-sexualized culture reliant on images and immediate gratification. Our society gives us a distorted view of our bodies and their purpose. We tend to look at our body with an extreme lens — either hating it for its flaws and imperfections, or worshiping and idolizing it. Neither of these are healthy or holy. This distorted view of the body is the result of original sin.

The creation story in Genesis helps us understand the true beauty and inherent dignity of our bodies. Adam and Eve were created with, what Saint John Paul II refers to as: “Original Innocence”. In his *Theology of the Body* he said: “they see and know each other with all the peace of the interior gaze, which creates the fullness of the intimacy of persons”. This means that they could look at each other, and see the other as God the Father saw them.

How would you like to look at a person and see them in all the glory and splendor that God the Father does? Pretty cool right?

Before the fall, Adam and Eve “were both naked, and not ashamed” [see Genesis 2:25]. Because of our brokenness due to sin, it is necessary that we veil our bodies in order that we may reveal our person with dignity. Because of the nature of sin, when we walk around dressed scandalously, people pay attention to the skin that is showing and not the person who is standing in front of them. This reality speaks to one of our greatest desires — to be seen. And not to be superficially seen — but to be deeply seen, known, and valued.

The body should not be covered up because it is ugly, or because our nakedness is something to be ashamed of. Rather, we cover our bodies — we veil ourselves with clothing — to preserve the mystery of our human person that is only meant to be revealed in the context of a relationship that reflects the original relationship between God the Father and humanity.

Especially as women, we are a great treasure and mystery. Great mysteries are meant to be revealed — given the appropriate context. There is nothing mysterious about wearing immodest clothes. We have left nothing to the imagination. In fact when a man looks at a woman wearing very few or skin tight clothes, they see more of our body and less of us.

Dressing modestly protects our dignity, and allows us to be truly “seen” — which honors and respects us as a daughter of the Most High King. We are not saying that we need to wear a full length burlap sack. Not at all! That would also not reflect the precious mystery that is to be revealed.

So go conquer that sale rack! Buy a new dress! But make it a reflection of the way God the Father carefully designed you. There is so much power in the gift we have been given — our beauty — to glorify God the Almighty who created us. —Maddie Bernero is a college junior who write this article for Life Teen.

LIFE TEEN:

LifeTeen Youth Group meets next on **Monday, June 30th** [see the article on Bible Study below]. **We are also gathering on Sunday, July 13th [The outdoor chapel picnic].** We are now in our our **Summer Schedule. Please watch for special updates. All who are entering grades 9--12 are invited to join us and get to know what the Life Teen is all about.** Life Teen is open to **all high school aged young people.** Come and try us out. We have a great deal of fun together and we grow in our faith at the same time. **Respond to your e-vites, or call the chapel office [440-473-3560] to be notified.** Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:**

Our Middle School Youth Group — **THE EDGE** — meets next on **Monday, June 30th** [see the article on Bible Study below]. **We are also gathering on Sunday, July 13th [The outdoor chapel picnic].** We are now in our our **Summer Schedule. Please watch for special updates. All who are entering grades 6-8 are invited to join us.** Come and find out what **the EDGE** is all about. If you have not joined us before, that’s OK. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming.** We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. Our EDGE Youth Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we need your help. Join in on an exciting happening. **Call the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560.** Come to learn what the EDGE is all about. Join us for a fun filled faith experience. All are welcome.

