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FOR PARISHIONER**

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Summer days offer many opportunities to give and receive invitations. These are samples.

"Come and picnic with us."

"You are invited to our anniversary Mass and party."

"The family reunion is next month at the park shelter. Do come!"

"Please join us Saturday for a hike in Blackhawk State Park."

As parishioners we continue to receive invitations:

- to participate in weekend liturgies,
- to serve our parish in various ways,
- to be enriched by lectures, participation in a book club, attending Advent Vespers and other prayer services,
- to share with others what is meaningful to us.

At the July 10th Prayer Service for Healing and Peace in Our Country, some of the readers and our parish cantors had at some point in life been invited to join others in a faith journey. They risked becoming involved in a Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA] process and now belong to our faith community. Their witness is an invitation to all of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus and one another at Sacred Heart and in the universal Church.

Pray about inviting someone to join an Inquiry class about the Catholic faith. Ask the question, "Is this the right time for you?"

- Sister Kathleen Mullin, BVM

A BUSY & FRUITFUL SUMMER FOR OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this letter in mid-July, conscious of the fact that when you read this our fall activities will be in full swing. Many things have happened over the summer. A major roof repair on Culemans Hall should be completed by the time you read this. We also will have replaced air conditioners and furnaces on many parts of the hall. Work has been done on other parts of our campus. By the end of the summer we will have spent well over \$300,000 for capital projects this year. All of this was very necessary. Unfortunately for us, all of our buildings are about the same age and important parts of them are deteriorating. Without generous donors we would not have been able to accomplish what we have so far. Thanks to everyone for helping out. The good news is that we are making slow and steady progress in doing repairs.

As we move forward I am also cognizant of the fact that we are going to celebrate the centennial of our church in just a few years. Our beautiful church building is a symbol of the rich history of our parish. It is a sacramental for all of us. As we look ahead I hope that we will be able to continue to renew our campus so that when the time comes we can look forward to the future with hope. We also must redouble our efforts to grow as a parish in numbers and in spirit.

One of the favorite aspects of Sacred Heart Church for most of us are the stained glass windows. We all have our favorite window I am sure. My favorite is the window that depicts the Good Shepherd on the west side of the church. I have enjoyed that portrayal of Jesus from the early days of my priesthood. I hope that I am a good shepherd to all of you.

Many activities are coming up which we hope you can be a part of. I hope that you can take part in them and that you feel a part of the flock that is Sacred Heart Parish.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter
Pastor





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2016

A BUSY YEAR FOR FAITH FORMATION

We made it through one more school year! It is already time for the next school year in just a few weeks or, for some of our families, the school year is still continuing. I am taking this time to write everyone that is part of the Sacred Heart family because every single one of us is part of the Body of Christ. Every month we will have a Parent/Student day, which will be themed based upon the Church Calendar. We will be sharing tools and ideas for families to further their faith, and we will reinforce the catechesis going on at home. If you have any ideas, or would like to help with these events, please let me know!

Another important aspect of Sacred Heart's Faith Formation Program is the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). This is offered to ALL children, from three years of age through First Grade, free of charge! CLOW offers the children an opportunity to understand the word of God through music, art, and other activities. For your child to be included, simply send them up when Fr. Mark or Fr. Sebastian calls them forward during the 9 AM Mass, and they will come back at the offering and rejoin you for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our parish is very blessed with having an amazing team of youth, led by

Melissa Sandoval, who works tirelessly to make our CLOW very creative.

For all of our sacramental prep programs we will have Religious Education every Sunday. Also we have two retreats scheduled for our students, and their parents, who are preparing for First Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion. We ask that all families participate in these two retreats to help the parents and students prepare more fully for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion that we will celebrate as a community on May 7th at the 11AM Mass.

Our Confirmation retreat will be out at Camp Abe Lincoln again this year and they are excited to host us. Our retreat is a great way for all the children receiving Confirmation to have a sense of the community they will be joining and the fellowship they will have with their peers. It is a perfect opportunity for our 8th graders to prepare for Confirmation through an in-depth look at mercy and how they can show mercy in their everyday lives, in an ever-changing world. This will help them see the good that is still going on in the world.

- Ivy Padula

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME FOR SACRED HEART PARISHIONER

On April 30, 2016 members of Rotary International from around the world, including Moline Rotarians Gary Francque and James Barnett, Catholics of the Peoria Diocese, traveled to The Vatican to participate in the Jubilee of Rotarians. In 2015 Pope Francis, leader of the Catholic Church, declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy to be held Dec 8, 2015 – Nov 20, 2016. The Year of Mercy is an invitation to show love, kindness, and generosity to all.

Rotary International is an organization of 1.2 million volunteers from 200 countries that conduct dozens of worldwide humanitarian programs. In recognition of Rotary's work, the Holy Father, himself a lifetime honorary member, invited Rotarians from all over the world to join him for a Jubilee of Mercy celebration on April 30, 2016. Sacred Heart Parish members Gary Francque and James Barnett attended the Jubilee of Rotarians event as representatives of Rotary Club of Moline. The two arrived in Rome on April 28th and were welcomed by Monsignor Richard Soseman, a priest from the Quad Cities who has been working at the Vatican. On Friday April 29th Francque and Barnett were blessed with the opportunity to attend Mass at St. Peter's Basilica celebrated by Monsignor Soseman at the Altar of the Transfiguration. The two were then given a personal tour of St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican grounds by Monsignor Soseman.

On Saturday April 30th Francque and Barnett attended the Jubilee event at St. Peter's Square. Some 9000 Rotarians from 80 countries joined 100,000 pilgrims and others at the Vatican. The ceremony began at 9:00 am with a special recognition of the world's peacekeeping



HOLY FATHER GREETS ROTARY PRESIDENT K.R. RAVINDRAN

forces and service organizations including Rotary and Knights of Columbus. Next was the traditional parade of the Holy Father through the crowd present in St. Peter's Square. Thousands cheered and waved banners as the Holy Father made his way around St. Peter's Square, blessing those present, shaking hands and kissing children, a very profound and moving experience for all. Pope Francis then addressed the crowd with prayers, and commended the dedication, sacrifices, and worldwide humanitarian efforts of those being recognized. The Holy Father then blessed those present and invoked his blessing onto their families and fellow community members. All were invited to pass the blessing on to those at home. Thousands then passed through the primary Holy Door of Mercy at St. Peter's Basilica. Later, Francque and Barnett attended the closing ceremony of the Jubilee of Rotarians at the beautiful, centuries old Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and Martyrs, in Rome. There, Rotary International president K.R. Ravindran spoke of the importance of continuing Rotary's many worldwide humanitarian efforts.

While in Rome, Gary and Jim also toured the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, Castel Saint Angelo, the Flavian Amphitheater/Coliseum, the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, and enjoyed great Italian food and wine, and gelato!



THE ROOT OF PEACE LIES IN OUR CAPACITY TO LISTEN

When Pope Francis traveled to Poland July 27-31 to meet with an expected 2 million young people from around the world, he went with a firm idea of the dreams, fears and challenges so many of them face. He knows what lies inside the hearts and minds of today's youth, not because of any third-party polling or sophisticated survey, but because Pope Francis practices what he's called an "apostolate of the ear."

It takes patience and grace, he told disadvantaged university students in Rome in June, to truly listen to what others have to say — a call he repeated during his Angelus address this month, warning that people's hectic lives were threatening an already hobbled ability to listen.

As pope, a busy ministry that could easily lead to isolation or overscheduling, he has worked hard to make the time to listen to people of all backgrounds in public and private settings. And he has often broken with papal protocol to get an unfiltered look at what today's youth think and feel.

He will scrap pre-written speeches and ask his sometimes very young audiences what questions they have. He also does interviews with young people, including those who aren't Catholic or even religious, like when he welcomed six young students and reporters from Belgium in 2014.

When they asked why he agreed to do the video interview with them, the pope said because he sensed they had a feeling of "apprehension" or unease about life and "I think it is my duty to serve young people," to listen to and help guide their anxiety, which is "like a seed that grows and in time bears fruit." His latest sit-down with a group of young people came in May when he met with YouTube personalities from different parts of the world. The popular vloggers have a huge following of millions of young people themselves, and so they know beyond their own personal experiences what many kids today are thinking and feeling.

The full 50-minute video of that closed-door Q&A was uploaded recently with little fanfare by one of the 11 young people and posted on the YouTube channel, Anna RF. The questions they ask and advice the pope gives offer a good indication of what he's been hearing these past years and what he may hope to convey when he meets with participants at World Youth Day events.

Here's a brief look at their biggest concerns and how the pope responded:

— Identity and belonging: The pope said people have to feel they belong to something, and if their family or community is broken, then a virtual belonging online can help. Supportive

peers online can create a circle of friendship and belonging, and from there "craft a path of hope" for those who feel lost or alone.

— Helping those who feel hopeless or lost: The best thing to do is not to speak, but hold their hand, he said. "We have forgotten the language of gestures and actions" and have gotten too used to words, which sometimes, especially when someone is in pain, "are of no use."

— Fostering empathy, understanding among religions in the face of negative media messaging: The relationship between people of different religious beliefs needs to be based on brotherly love because "we all have the same father," he said. People have to listen to each other and look at the positive things each religion proposes in order to build that positive relationship, he said. Solely underlining what divides one religion from another amounts to "putting up a wall" and attacking each other, he added. "What makes us attack, what divides us are fundamentalists," he said, in which individuals think they themselves hold the truth and everyone else is wrong. Starting with the awareness "we are all brothers and sisters," he said, "leads to dialogue."

— Taking a stand on controversial topics, how to fight for what is right: The pope said he is not always successful in quelling the anger his position or words may cause "so if I fail, I always say it is my fault." He said he looks at what went wrong — not to invent an excuse, but to see where dialogue can be built.

"What helps me is to listen," he said. Sit down and hear what others have to say and talk according to the art of persuasion, not aggressive debate, he said. "Persuasion can be peaceful. This is my way." The pope repeatedly shows through his gestures and words that "the root of peace lies in our capacity to listen."

Listening for the pope ends up being not just a method for gathering information for helping people; the gesture of listening is itself an act of peace.

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- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

(St. Francis Chapel)

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER FEST IS COMING!

Yes, it's coming! Our 2nd Annual September Fest. This year the date is Sunday, September 11th. We have a lot of fun things planned. The Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting a fashion show, Through the Decades, to celebrate their 110th Anniversary. Again there will be Walking Tacos, Snow Cones, Popcorn and more food. The Archives is gearing up for another one of their wonderful displays.

Yes, there will be games for the kids to play and a lot of opportunity to catch up with everyone. But like last year, this does not happen by itself. We need your help. We need to borrow a few things, and we need you again to be there for us. We will have a sign-up sheet in the front vestibule, so please consider stopping by and letting us know what you can help with. Or give Judy Sokol a call at (309) 797-8155 and let her know what you might be willing to do.