

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Call t o Family, Community and Participation

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Continuing our series of articles on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we offer some reflection on the theme of the Call Family, Community and Participation.

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy-directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well -being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

In the midst of the creation story, Genesis 1:27, God says "it is not right that man should be alone". We don't flourish as people by being isolated and living by ourselves, but by engaging as full members of our community. We have an obligation to help and support those around us while at the same time allowing ourselves to be supported. The place most of us first experience a community in our lives is in the family, and so it is here that the themes of Community and Participation have their roots, and in the context of the family that these principles have developed.

Beyond the family we're called to participate fully in the life of wider society. For most of us this means an obligation to participate fully in civil society and the political and economic life of the community. Within the theme of participation, Catholic Social Teaching advocates political involvement, but this has always been critical of, and set apart from specific political ideologies. What Catholic Social Teaching does say in this area is that responsibility for social and political decisions should be held at the lowest and most appropriate local level so to allow everyone in communities to be involved in decision-making.

Economic and social policies as well as organization of the work world should be continually evaluated in light of their impact on the strength and stability of family life. The long-range future of this nation is intimately linked with the well-being of families, for the family is the most basic form of human community. Efficiency and competition in the marketplace must be moderated by greater concern for the way work schedules and compensation support or threaten the bonds between spouses and between parents and children. Economic Justice for All, #93**

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do.

*http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/ **excerpted from US Conference of Catholic Bishops website, available at <u>www</u>.usccb.org

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Daily Lenten readings and reflections provided by the U.S. Jesuit Conference.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Trinity is a Catholic parish sponsored by the Society of Jesus. We share the Society's mission to serve the faith and to promote justice. As disciples of Christ, we seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit through our celebration of Eucharist and our practice of Ignatian spirituality into a welcoming and prayerful community that shares God's life and love with each other and the world.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Last spring, the Parish Pastoral Council asked four of its members (Ned Hogan, Constance Herron, Katherine Gordon, and Richard Shullaw), Martina O'Shea (Pastoral Assistant for Ignatian Prayer and Spirituality), and me to meet over the summer and to consider what a parish governing body like the Council might look like and how it might operate if it more closely reflected Jesuit governing structures and procedures. After several months of work, this sub-Committee of the Council reached a consensus and presented its recommendations to the full Council at its January meeting.

The sub-Committee began by recognizing that Holy Trinity, a parish sponsored by the Society of Jesus, has a distinct identity that reflects the Society's own sense of itself. In short, Holy Trinity shares the identity and mission of the Society – to serve the faith and to promote justice. The sub-Committee concluded that this distinctly Jesuit identity and mission should inform the Council's own self-understanding and the way it undertakes its work, or its "way of proceeding.

With Jesuits and their lay colleagues everywhere, Holy Trinity parishioners are a community of persons who are companions with Jesus and who do the work of Jesus. The Council, along with the pastor, are the leaders of this community. Together, they share responsibility for specifying the identity and mission of the parish in our particular circumstances and assuring the parish's fidelity to that identity and mission.

If the Council and pastor are to be capable of carrying out this sacred responsibility, they need to adopt an equally sacred way of proceeding that is compatible with the nature of their work. Accordingly, as the sub-Committee stated in its report to the full Council, the pastor and members of the Council should be men and women of prayer, and should be sensitive and responsive to the Spirit who is at work not only within themselves but also within their colleagues. They should be more inclined to listen than to speak; and should always presume that the other speaks with the best of motives and intentions.

The pastor and Council should make decisions through a process of communal discernment, that is, a process in which the Spirit is seen to be at work in all, not just in oneself. Participants in this process of communal discernment do not begin with pre-conceived notions, but instead with open and changeable hearts. All persons, not just some, participate in the discernment. Above all, communal discernment seeks consensus, intent on preserving the group's unity and harmony.

The sub-Committee proposes that one who would serve on the Council should be an active parishioner of long-standing who is thoroughly familiar with the culture and work of the parish, especially its ministry of prayer and Ignatian spirituality. Once selected, Council members will commit to continued engagement in the life of the parish, and to on-going spiritual formation.

The sub-Committee proposes that new members be selected not by general election, but through this same discernment process. Specifically, parishioners interested in serving on the Council would do a self-assessment according to specified criteria and put themselves forward for consideration by the Council. Then, after further discernment, current Council members would select candidates by consensus to fill any vacant seats on the Council.

Some parishioners who are not members of the Council who have reviewed the sub-Committee's proposal have suggested that this is an attempt by the pastor to weaken the Council and control its membership. This saddens me. In fact, the proposal is meant to strengthen the Council and to have the Council and pastor engage as equals in much the same way Jesuits engage with one another. Furthermore, this is not the proposal of the pastor, but the proposal of the full sub-Committee, four of whom are present members of the Council and all of whom were appointed by the Council's leadership.

I expect the Council to decide this spring whether and to what extent it will adopt the sub-Committee's proposal. —Fr. Mark

Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all the dead every day at every Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners can also request that a specific person be remembered by name at a particular weekday Mass by calling or visiting the receptionist's desk in the parish center during normal office hours.

Names must be submitted one week in advance. Persons to be so remembered at weekday Masses this week are:

Monday	7:00 am	Ray Sorenson +
	8:00 am	Martin Deen +
	5:30 pm	Violeta Delgado Moya
Tuesday	7:00 am	Thomas Joseph Howard
	8:00 am	
	5:30 pm	Pat Kraemer +
Wednesday	7:00 am	
	8:00 am	Edith S. Newton +
	5:30 pm	Dennis O'Neill
Thursday	7:00 am	Luz Maria Cerda +
	8:00 am	Taylor Family
	5:30 pm	Eileen Soraghan Gerwin+
Friday	7:00 am	Richard Keating +
	8:00 am	
	5:30 pm	Mary Fulzon +
Saturday	8:00 am	Denis & Ellen Moriarty

Parishioners are asked to remember the following persons in their prayers:

Pray for those who are sick: Larry Raz, Marcelino Pablo, Nate Miles, Patricia McKeever

Pray for those who are dead: Susan Keese Pyatak; Walter George

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Rose Mary Padberg at: rpadberg@trinity.org. You must be an immediate relative of the one to be remembered, or have express permission in order to add a name to these lists. The names on this prayer list will be mentioned aloud at Sunday Mass during the General Intercessions and will be published in the parish eLetter.

We also invite parishioners to write the name of deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead which is kept in the back of the chapel. The parish community remembers these persons each time we gather for Eucharist.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (Check bulletin or website for Holy Days)

Weekdays: 7am, 8am & 5:30pm in the Chapel (on N St.) Note: Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.
Saturday: 8am - Chapel; 5:30 pm Vigil - Church Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 4:30 pm-5:15 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Ignatius Chapel. Call the Parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Helene Flanagan, 202-903-2806 or hflanagan@trinity.org
- To register for the preparation process, see next item.

Sacramental Preparation:

Persons desiring to receive certain sacraments at Holy Trinity need to be registered parishioners and are expected to participate in a preparation program. For more information or to register, contact the appropriate staff person:

- Infant Baptism: readmin@trinity.org, 202-903-2808
- First Reconciliation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, 202-903-2808
- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, 202-337-2840x174
- Children's Initiation (RCIA): Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Justine Javier, 202-903-2814

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at **www.trinity.org**. Parishioner registration forms can be found under the **Participate** tab. Questions about registering can be directed to Rose Mary Padberg @ registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter and website for an announcement of dates/times.

PARKING

Limited on-street parking is available. On most Sundays, free parking is also available at the following Georgetown University parking lots — underground parking garage off Canal Road entrance; surface lot at the end of the Canal Road entrance; and the parking structure under the Leavy Student Center (university section only). Parking is also available at Visitation Academy, off 35th Street at Volta, on most Sundays. Handicapped parking is at the corner of 36th & O St. NW.

BULLETIN NOTICES & WEBSITE UPDATES

Please email proposed updates for the website or bulletin to the parish staff member responsible for overseeing the activity (see page 2 sidebar) by *2pm Thursday*, 8 days before the targeted weekend. Please note that the bulletin is published online, so information you submit may be available online. **Questions? www.communications@trinity.org**

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Daily Scripture Readings A list of readings for the week can be found on the USCCB website:

http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Regular Mass Schedule Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00pm, Church

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer, 8:00am, Church Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, Church Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 8:00am, Church Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 8:00pm, Church

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer with Presentation of the Creed, 8:00am, Church

Easter Vigil, 8:00pm, Church

Easter Sunday Eucharist

7:30am: Church 9:00am: Church, Nolan Center (at Visitation), Gaston Hall (at Georgetown University) 11:30am: Church, Nolan Center (at Visitation), Gaston Hall (at Georgetown University) 1:15pm: Church There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

The Light is On for You! Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

As part of the Archdiocesan Lenten campaign, The Light is On for You, the Church will be open every Wednesday night from 6:30pm-8:00pm for private prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER.

Welcome Alex to the Ministry of Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer!

Alexzandra Gentsch, who has been working with the Religious Education and Faith Formation Department for the last year has transitioned into her new position as Program Administrator for Ignatian Spirituality.

Born and raised in California, Alexzandra graduated from Loyola Marymount University, volunteered as Jesuit Volunteer, and later went on to get her Master of Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. She is excited to be working with parishioners in this new capacity, and looks forward to seeing new and old faces while serving in this ministry.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

"In a word: charity cannot be neutral, indifferent, lukewarm or impartial! Charity is infectious, it excites, it risks and it engages! For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous!"

-Pope Francis

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Journey for Justice 2015 – An Invitation

On March 22nd at 2:00pm gather with the congregations of Good Faith Communities Coalition to establish a covenant that sets priorities committing Good Faith members to be vigilant and engaged in reducing homelessness in the District of Columbia. Mayor Bowser has been invited to attend! Second Baptist Church, 816 3rd St. NW, Washington DC (best accessed from K Street, NW) For more information, contact John Hisle at johnhisle@verizon.net.

Soccer Supplies for St. Jean Baptiste in Haiti

During the week of July 20th - 24th, our parish will be sponsoring a soccer camp for rising 7th graders at our sister parish in Haiti. Soccer cleats (sizes 7 - 12) and soccer socks are needed. Other soccer supplies are welcome. A collection box is located at the receptionist's desk in the Parish Center. For more information, contact: Mike Conway, mikeconway72@gmail.com.

Supporting Our Neighbors By Sustaining Ourselves

Join local parish volunteers & staff in learning about compassion fatigue, goals/boundaries & self-care within the context of parish life. Details are: March 23rd, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 3630 Quesada St, NW. RSVP: Maria.Smith@CatholicCharitiesDC.org or (202) 772-4343.

Lenten Simple Supper Schedule

The schedule for the remaining Simple Suppers is as follows:

March 20th

6:00pm, McKenna

Religious Education hosting with family Stations of the Cross

March 27th

6:00pm, McKenna

Choir hosting with sacred music in the church following supper

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monthly Adult Discussion Series

The next discussion will be held on March 24th, 7:00pm, McKenna. *"What happened in the Resurrection and why do Catholics affirm it as their most important belief?"* Parking is available at Georgetown Visitation.

What are the "Scrutinies?"

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Simple Supper

Join us for s Simple Supper of Mac 'n Cheese on Friday, March 22nd. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed by children grades 3rd - 6th from the Sunday Morning Religious Education Program. Dinner at 6:00pm, Stations begin at 7:00pm. Parking available at Visitation.

Baptism Preparation Class

Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:00pm. Parking is available at Visitation. Registration forms can be found at: http://trinity.org/baptism

DEVELOPMENT Why it is Important to Support the 2015 Holy Trinity Annual Parish Pledge

The Annual Parish Pledge supports not only our ministry to our parishioners, but also the care for our needy brothers and sisters in the greater Washington, DC area. Pledging also makes it possible for Holy Trinity to financially plan and better steward your gift. If you have not yet made your 2015 Annual Parish Pledge, we ask that you please consider making a pledge soon. By making an Annual Pledge to Holy Trinity, you are supporting the very services, ministries, and educational programs that we are called to provide.

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DEVELOPMENT Why it is Important to Support the 2015

Holy Trinity Annual Parish Pledge (cont.)

Donations made to satisfy your pledge can work on any schedule, begin at any time, and can be made in a variety of methods, including online at www.trinity.org. You may also pick up a Parish Pledge Brochure in the brochure racks in the back of church.

For additional assistance, please contact Diane Favret in the Development Office at 202.903.2801 or dfavret@trinity.org. Thank you very much for your consideration in supporting the 2015 Annual Parish Pledge.

PARISH LIFE Holy Trinity Seniors

Join us for a guided tour of "Picturing Mary: Woman,

Mother, Idea" at the National Museum Of Women in the Arts on March 30th 10:00 AM.

Meet the group at the museum at 10:00am. Price for the tour is \$10.00. We will eat in the Mezzanine Café. Each will choose and self pay. Space has been reserved for us.

Contact Charlene Longnecker 202-629-4327, Charlene.longnecker@gmail.com or Cathy Quinn 703-532-8073, cathyquinn2014@gmail.com for questions and reservations. Send check for \$10.00 made out to Holy Trinity Church and noted "Picturing Mary", to the Parish Center. Space is limited. Deadline for registration is March 17th.

Trinity Adult Community

A March 15th gathering in the Lenten spirit will be held with a simple supper of soup and bread. Join in the cooking of the soup, and/or the consuming of it after the 5:30pm Sunday mass. Contact: Kevin, kbarquinero@gmail.com or Dolores Dolorespesek@yahoo.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY Youth Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, youth will be hosting Station of the Cross at 4:00pm. 7th-12th grade readers are needed. Contact: Justine Javier. All are invited to attend.

Calling 7th and 8th Graders...

Instead of the monthly Saturday Service club, we will volunteer on Friday, March 20th to help with the set-up and clean-up for the Simple Supper. Volunteers are needed from 5:15pm-7:45pm. Contact Justine Javier to sign up.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sun Mar 15, 2015

7:30am-8:30am After Mass Coffee McKenna 4:45pm-7:15pm Contemplative Leaders in Action –1st year Faber Room 5:00pm-8:00pm Trinity Adult Community See page 5 for details

Mon Mar 16, 2015

6:30pm-8:30pm Tithe Committee Meeting Parish Center Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Job Seekers Meeting Georgetown Neighborhood Library 7:30pm-9:00pm Separated, Widowed and Divorced Group Neale Room

Tue Mar 17, 2015

7:00pm-9:00pm RCIA Meeting Faber, Neale Room 7:00pm-8:30pm Maria Madre Committee Neale Room

Wed Mar 18, 2015

5:00pm-6:30pm Peer Minister Meeting Parish Center Library 6:30pm-8:00pm The Light Is On For You Church 6:00pm-8:00pm Faber Training Program Faber Room 7:00pm-8:30pm Confirmation Team Meeting Faber Room 7:00pm-8:30pm Immigration Working Group Meeting McKenna Hall

Thu Mar 19, 2015

6:00pm-6:30pm Christian Mediation Group Chapel of St. Ignatius 6:00pm-9:00pm Iconographer's Guild Parish Center Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Georgetown Neighborhood Library 7:00pm-9:00pm

Marriage Preparation Program #185 McKenna A&B, Faber Room

Thu Mar 19, 2015 (cont.)

7:15pm-8:45pm Book Discussion Group Upper School Cafeteria 7:15pm-9:30pm Triduum Choir Rehearsal Neale Room

Fri Mar 20, 2015

6:00pm-6:30pm Stations of the Cross St. Ignatius Chapel 6:0pm-8:000pm Simple Supper-Hosted by Religious Education McKenna

Sat Mar 21, 2015

7:30am-8:45am **Zen Meditation** Upper Room 8:30am-10:30am **Holy Trinity Seminar Series** Neale Room 9:00am-10:30am Repetitio Parish Center Library 9;00am-11:00am Principium Faber Room 9:00am-3:00pm Hands on Housing Offsite 10:30am-12:30pm **Grief Support Group** Upper Room 3:00pm-5:00pm **Young Couples Retreat Planning** Upper Room 4:00pm-5:30pm **Maria Madre Sponsor Meeting McKenna**

Sun Mar 22, 2015

3:00pm-5:00pm Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat Upper Room 3:00pm-5:30pm Just Matters McKenna 6:30pm-8:30pm YAC Retreat Planning Meeting McKenna 6:45pm-8:30pm St. Jean Baptiste—Haiti Committee Parish Center Library 7:00pm-8:30pm Social Justice Youth Group Neale Room