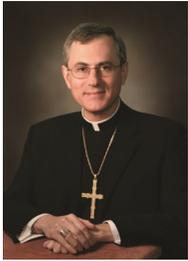




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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 18, 2020**



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Wednesday at noon

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Since 1926, Popes have entrusted The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
to facilitate this important celebration of the missions.

October 2020

Dear Friends,

October is Missionary Month and the whole world celebrates WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! This year The Holy Father chose the theme, **Here I am, send me!** It is not only timely, but necessary, considering the challenges we currently encounter in our lives, in our church, and in our world.

The primary purpose of World Mission Sunday is to unite Catholics all over the world in prayer and support of the missions. It encourages prayer and financial assistance for the missionary work of the Catholic Church throughout the world. It enables the Gospel, the Good News, to reach millions who have yet to hear it, and it supports many who daily experience a significant lack of basic needs.



This year with the restrictions imposed on churches due to COVID, we are reaching out to you through this letter to provide you an opportunity to know what is going on at missions worldwide and offer a way to make a difference in the lives of those at the missions. We have heard of stories of missionaries who are unable to reach those in their care because of the distance and the financial difficulties that goes with it, and of others who are faced with extreme poverty, displacement, hunger, and disease on top of the pandemic within their communities.

#WeAreStillHere is a hashtag adopted by PMS worldwide to express that *our missionaries are here for you, they are not going anywhere, they are not giving up, and their hope is that you can be here for them.*

The most amazing thing is that the Lord asks, "Who will I send? Who will say YES and be available to go on my behalf to condemn today's evils in the world? Who will proclaim the Gospel that will transform it?" The Mission of Evangelization will continue in our contemporary culture only if the baptized people respond consciously with, "Here I am, Send me!" The missions need your help.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Alex Osei
Rev. Alex Osei, C.S.Sp.
National Director



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Give to God What Belongs to God

“The dynamics of today’s encounter of Jesus with the disciples of the Pharisees and some Herodians are as instructive as the issue itself of paying taxes to the emperor. One thing that is remarkable is the questioners’ hypocrisy, as they start by flattering Jesus, who calls their bluff: why you hypocrites... show me a coin. The Pharisees were purists and purists were not supposed to carry with them Roman currency, though they would keep it at home to pay their taxes. But the most striking element of the encounter is Jesus’ masterful answer —Houdini would have admired it: give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, a statement most of us would have no difficulty accepting, since people do pay taxes, abide by zoning and building codes, vote to elect leaders. It was the second part of Jesus’ answer that makes



people balk: give to God what belongs to God.

An interesting detail in the first part of the answer is the fact the Jesus’ reply is prompted by the emperor’s image being carved in the coin. If we recall the creation narrative, we are reminded that God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him [Gen. 1: 26]. We are reminded that we bear God’s image in ourselves. If we bear God’s image, we belong to God and we must give back to God what belongs to God. We are called to return ourselves to God, whose image we bear, and to help others to return themselves to God, whose image and inscription they also bear.”

Daily Reflection, Fr. Luis Rodriguez, SJ, Oct. 18, 2020
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/101820.html>



Fratelli Tutti –On Fraternity and Social Friendship

On Oct. 3, 2020 Pope Francis released his new encyclical Fratelli Tutti-On Fraternity and Social Friendship. “It is a call to our better selves, an astute reading of the "signs of the times", and a reminder that simple virtues like love, compassion, kindness and openness to the stranger are essential ingredients to the healing of our common woes. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and the Golden Rule (Matthew 7) are the staples of basic Christian moral teaching form the foundation for his appeal. Francis also finds common cause with other faith traditions -- with references to Mahatma Gandhi, Rabbi Hillel and Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb – to underline the universal reach of his message.” (La Croix International) Click [here](#) to read this new encyclical.



Feeding the Hungry

Brothers and sisters, as most of you are aware St. Peter's has a long-standing tradition of holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of St. Paul's Social Services-Food Bank and Fellowship Centre. This year, in light of Covid-19, we will not do a physical collection of food items. To continue to support the needs of the poor we ask you to consider a donation of grocery store gift cards or monetary donations. Please place any gift cards, cash, or cheque in a separate envelope labelled as "Food Drive" and either drop them in the collection baskets after Sunday masses with your regular offertory over the next 2 weekends or drop off or mail to the parish office. Thank you all for your generosity and have a safe and joyful Thanksgiving. -*Deacon Rudy*



Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Virtual Workshops in Southwestern Ontario

These one-hour workshops “COVID – 19 Recovering Together” will give participants an understanding of the principles of a ‘just recovery.’ You’ll be able to hear directly from those engaged in the COVID-19 crisis in the global south and walk away with concrete ideas of how you can live a just recovery in your communities and lives. You can register for one of the two remaining planning workshops (Oct 19 or 20) or the regional workshop (Oct 24), use the information on the poster at this is [link](#).”



St. Peter’s Seminary “Come and See” Virtual Weekends

Due to the Pandemic, this year's Come and See will be a virtual experience. This online retreat is planned for three separate Saturdays and each has an individual topic and theme.

Nov 14th from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. (Discernment)
Nov 21st from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Priesthood)
Nov 28th from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Seminary)

This retreat is for single, Catholic men 17 years of age and older, that are in good health and psychological maturity, and are considering a call to priestly life and service. If you know any men that are interested in discerning a priestly vocation or open to attend the Come and See please have them email vocations@dol.ca. See the attached [poster](#) with additional details.

Volunteers for Mass

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who have come forward to assist with safely re-opening our doors. Without them, we could never have accomplished this. With our change in our Mass schedule beginning this weekend we will require more volunteers, especially for the 10:30am Mass. We need 15 volunteers for every Mass to assist with the various duties needed: welcoming and screening of our parishioners, seating of parishioners, directing of traffic flow in and out of the Cathedral and at communion, and sanitizing of the Cathedral after every Mass. Training will be provided in order to carry out all tasks safely and effectively. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute to this. Please contact [Cathryn Hall](#).

Parking Available

St. Peter's has monthly day parking available in our North parking lot. The cost is \$120/month which is substantially below our competitors in the area. Please [email](#) or call at 519-432-3475.

Pickleball Anyone?

St. Peter's Cathedral now has a pickleball court which has been installed in the gym and is available for booking from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Friday in 1 1/2 hour increments. The rental cost for a court is \$25 for the 1 1/2 hours. Free Parking is available and a change room is available if needed. Players will need to bring their own paddles and balls. Please contact basilica@dol.ca or 519-432-3475.



From the Desk of the Rector

Talking about it. What would happen if we committed to more dialogue on matters of concern? Along with others I'm attending more meetings than ever before but now most of them are online. I prefer in-person meetings. They allow greater interaction among participants. However, there is one benefit to virtual meetings. When the meeting concludes I don't have to drive home. I'm already there. While some meetings are more productive than others, I've come to the conclusion that there really isn't any matter that cannot be resolved by talking it out. I recall a reflection Pope Francis shared with an organization whose responsibility it is to address people who find they are isolated and have nobody with whom to dialogue. He said: *"Dialogue enables us to know one another and to understand our mutual needs. In the first place, it manifest great respect, because it puts persons in an attitude of mutual openness... Dialogue is an expression of charity because, although not ignoring the differences, it can help to seek and share ways in view of the common good. We can learn to see the other not as a threat but as a gift of God, who challenges us and asks to be recognized... in families, in work environments, in politics, so many issues would be resolved more easily! Problems grow, misunderstandings and divisions grow, when there is no dialogue."* Of course, precondition to dialogue is listening. A listening heart could go a long way to establishing honest and open communication.

Prayer can help. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, former Archbishop of Chicago, once prayed the following prayer to open a meeting. *"Grant us, Lord, the gift of modesty. When we speak, teach us to give our opinion quietly and sincerely. Help us in success to realize what we owe to you and to the efforts of others, in failure to avoid dejection, and in all ways to be simple and natural, quiet and manner and lowly and thought through Christ our Lord."*

A good memory helps. Today's reading at Mass from St. Paul's letter reminds the hearer that God is active in our history and has pulled us through some difficulties in the past. Remembering this can help us today especially in these uncertain times. Is there anyone we know who could use an encouraging word from us? How often do I remind others of God's presence and support?

Enjoy your week...

Fr. Jim Moeller

Celebration of Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, October 21 - 12:00 pm

Vittorio Valastro, Jorge Torrefranca,

Frank & Marie Rowley

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Richard Cote. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. John Juhl, O.F.M. Cap; Rev. David Boutette; Rev. Keith Morrison; Debby Brown, Pastoral Worker; Rev. David Johnston; Deacon Cyril Cogghe; Rev. Raymond Masse

READINGS - SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Exodus 22.21-27

Psalm - Ps 18.1-2, 3+6b, 50ab (R.1)

R. I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5c-10

Gospel - Matthew 22.34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God,
and your neighbour as yourself.*

Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Daily Mass is celebrated at 12pm every Wednesday. Attendance is first come, first serve. Doors open at 11:30. Beginning Oct. 21, individual Confession will be available following the noon Mass each Wednesday until 1:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by appointment by contacting Fr. Jim or Fr. Peter through the parish office.

Come Pray With Us

Join us each Sunday for our Sunday Prayer Service online. The service invites us into the Sunday scriptures and celebrates a time of prayer, music, and reflection led by members of our Pastoral Team. The service will be available at the following [link](#) each Sunday morning.

Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

Each year, every parish in our Diocese participates in the annual Thanksgiving Appeal. All funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish activities in ministry, liturgy, outreach, and special projects. It is through your generosity that will allow us to continue to attend to the ongoing maintenance of our buildings, rising costs of our various ministry initiatives, the increased demand for our outreach to the needy in our community, and to bring to life the pastoral priorities we have set for the years ahead.

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