



Saturday, September 26
5:30pm – Dorothy Leubert by Nancy Black

Sunday, September 27
8:00am – Bernie and Stella Stupski
by Bill and Marilyn Kinney
10:00am - *Pro Populo*

Monday, September 28
8:00am – NO MASS

Tuesday, September 29
8:00am – NO MASS

Wednesday, September 30
8:00am - Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Thursday, October 1
8:00am – Marlene Cabral by Ingrid Hennig Cabral

Friday, October 2
8:00am – Russel Cullen
by Mark and Freddie Templeton

Saturday, October 3
5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, October 4
8:00am – Julia Dyett
by Ray and Carolyn Smith
10:00am - *Pro Populo*

Let us remember in prayer:

For the sick, the dying and those who care for them.

Dear All,

The oldest surviving and functioning organization in the world is the Catholic Church. Judaism and Hinduism are older, but have no religious organization to match the Church; the same may be said of certain groups who represent aboriginal interests, but their advocacy mandate is relatively recent. So, if you please, I will let that first sentence stand as read.

After 2000 years she has the unenviable record having tried just about every way human ingenuity can devise in order to last. Some have succeeded admirably; others, not so much. That makes her very smart and very insightful. Let me outline some of the lessons she has learned.

Lesson 1: Because the world changes – technologically, politically, economically, culturally, the people inside the Church change too. Change is unavoidable and irreversible.

Lesson 2: Thus, neither conservatism nor liberalism guarantees infallibility. They are, after all, but attitudes about the acceptable or desirable pace of change.

Lesson 3: Change happens most rapidly at the margins of a community, where other changes – economic, scientific, political -- are most acutely felt.

Lesson 4: Thus, every attempt to slow or hasten, to corral or mandate, to co-opt or stifle change spawns a schism or a heresy.

Lesson 5: A community thrives, then, on patience, on willingness to listen, on a focus on the members of the community and the members’ commitment to each other. Issues divide; charity unites.

Lesson 6: Subsidiarity is the best policy – all change should be managed at the level most affected by it. The Pope need not solve every quarrel; indeed, he should not volunteer to do so.

Some of you might be interested in looking for analogs to these lessons in the world of national or international politics, economics or diplomacy. Knock yourselves out! But remember this – the overarching truth that governs the Church’s thought and action in every place and time: *God is Love.*

God is not Logic or Power or Prosperity or Privilege or Prudence or Fairness or Diversity or any one of a hundred things that worldly communities grab as levers to move and remove others.

This *love* business is precisely what makes the Church seem so naïve, impractical, idealistic, romantic, chaotic, stupid or rigidly doctrinaire to others. No matter what human issue she addresses, she does so from the point of God – of love – and this is not at all the departure point of politicians, economists, sociologists, educators, etc..

Whether the lessons of life that the Church has learned have application in any other community depends, I suppose on the intensity of the death wish in that community. They have served the Church well indeed. But what has made the Church able and willing to live these lessons is the clear awareness that a community that is not one of love is not in tune with the truly eternal. Thus, such a community must rise and fall as its time-bound setting changes.

More of love and its requirements anon.

Really and truly and temporarily yours,
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we place our hope in You
to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont
to renew our parishes,
and engage our youth;
to form lay leaders,
and serve the most vulnerable among us.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us build a vibrant church
in this time and place
and for generations to come.

Seeking the intercession of our
first bishop, Louis deGoesbriand,
we pray this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.