



Saturday, October 10

5:30pm – Gawlik and McCarren Families
by Helen Gawlik

Sunday, October 11

8:00am – *Pro Populo*
10:00am - Marjorie Maas by family

Monday, October 12

8:00am – Ryszard Kropiewnicki, 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, October 13

8:00am – NO MASS

Wednesday, October 14

8:00am - Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Thursday, October 15

8:00am – Carlos Cabral by Ingrid Hennig Cabral

Friday, October 16

8:00am – Dorothy Leubert by Catholic Daughters

Saturday, October 17

5:30pm – Abe Madkour by John Bradbury

Sunday, October 18

8:00am – John W. Kardas Jr. by parents, John and Fran
10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

Let us remember in prayer:

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

Rest in peace. . . Sarah Aquilino has been called home to the Father. Let us pray for her peaceful repose and for all who mourn her passing.

Dear All,

I did a lot of heavy lifting last week about the foundation of the Church's unity in the unity of the Trinity. Today, I want to talk about the multiplicity/pluralism in the Trinity – the three-ness -- as the foundation of a remarkable diversity in the Church.

The first thing to note is that *Father, Son* and *Spirit* are words that indicate a relationship, not a solitary existence. This is critical to an understanding of the Trinity and spills over into an understanding of the unity and diversity of the Church.

As long as there have been philosophers they have struggled with what they call the *problem of the one and the many*. I have no time to get into this now but suffice it to point out that, in political terms, totalitarian regimes exalt the collective over the individual (*ein volk, eine kirche, ein reich*). On the other hand, since the renaissance, popular culture has exalted the individual over the collective (*congress shall not ...*). Classical tyrannies beget world war; unfettered individualism, anarchy or civil war.

In the Trinity, the individual members exist and thrive only in relationship to each other; the unity is and deepens only because each member is totally committed to the other members.

So, here's a political lesson for the Church: if each member of the Church is absolutely devoted to every other member, the Church's unity will be uniquely enriched by that single, unique act of devotion and the individual so devoted will find a unique fulfillment and joy in the enhanced unity of the Church. If each member is devoted to a particular agenda or a particular way of doing things or a particular set of theological priorities, the Church begins to look more like a family quarrel than a real communion. Fellow Christians become 'enemies' and people start competing for the title *super-Christian*.

Lest anyone think that I am overstating the importance of this pattern of unity that is unique to the Trinity and reflected in the Church, I would point out that the First Vatican Council declared with some solemnity that the principal motive for joining the Church was its *unbroken record of unity* in a world that keeps tearing itself apart.

When the whole Church succeeds in living a 'culture of love' – or of life or of life shared -- the individual's self-gift in love is not a risk of annihilation. Even more, when the individual Christian understands that his identity lies principally in his relationship with Christ who loves even the worst of sinners, the demands of membership in the Church become merely incidental and coincidental, no matter how painful.

Finally, this unity of the Church is like the unity of dance partners, always in motion, always being achieved, not by giving up or giving in or, even by compromising, but by giving to the 'dance' itself, to the community that is formed by loving and exists only in the sharing of that love.

Really and truly and sole-ly yours,
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Christ Our Hope Campaign

Building a Vibrant Church

Hebrews 10:34: "For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one."

We wish to thank everyone who's made a commitment to the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. Your support will help us with capital improvements to our Church, Rectory and to our Cemetery. Addressing these capital improvements or replenishing the offertory/reserve fund will help strengthen Christ Our Savior Parish in preparation for the next challenge that comes our way.

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Please don't forget to can join Bishop Coyne on **Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 3-4 p.m.** for a virtual chat to learn more about the campaign and its importance. To register for the Zoom event please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
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.

Knights of Columbus

Today the Knights will be outside after Mass doing their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The money from this fundraiser will go to help support VT Special Olympics and VT Achievement Center. Thank you for your generosity with your donation.

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Thought for the week . . .

There are no great deeds;
Only small deeds done with great love.
Mother Theresa

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