

**6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

16 FEB. 2014

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A
DYNAMIC
CATHOLIC



St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

**Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.,
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.**

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC:

Today's Readings:

Sirach 15: 15-20
Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37

"Let your word be
'Yes' if 'Yes' or
'No' if 'No.'; anything
more than that comes
from the evil one."

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:

CCC: 1730, 1734, 1739
CCCC: 363-366
YOUCAT: 286-290

HOW ENGAGING 1% OF CATHOLICS COULD CHANGE THE WORLD

A KEY THEME: TIME FOR A NEW LEVEL OF THINKING

The tide is going out on Catholicism in [North] America, and business as usual is not going to change the tide. Unless a great Catholic vision emerges for our time, the slow demise will continue. Proverbs 29:18 states clearly, "*Where there is no vision, the people will perish.*" What would it take to make our parish church the one that everyone has come to at least once to check it out?

The book, which was offered to every parishioner at Christmas, explores a number of key concepts: continuous improvement, incremental spirituality, continuous learning, best practices, game changers, personal transformation, "I can do that!", intentionality, engagement and disengagement, meeting people where they are, Win-Build-Send, you get what you measure, the 80/20 principle, and The Four Signs model, to name just a few. These key concepts represent a new level of thinking. They are largely missing from our current approach, and that needs to change.

The Four Signs can manifest themselves in different ways from one person to the next. But imagine for a moment if everyone in our parish did these four things:

- 1.) **PRAY** (10 minutes a day in prayerful conversation with God)
- 2.) **STUDY** (read 5 pages of a great Catholic book each day)
- 3.) **GENEROSITY** (gave 1% more of their income to support the mission of the parish)
- 4.) **EVANGELIZATION** (did one thing each week to share the genius of Catholicism with someone else)

THINKING ABOUT IT

Imagine what would happen if we intentionally organized everything we do in the church around The Four Signs. Imagine if from cradle to grave we focused on helping Catholics develop The Four Signs.

Are YOU ready to let Jesus take you to the next level in your spiritual life? When enough people answer yes to this question, the Church will again become fresh and vibrant, relevant and invigorated. If we give ourselves generously to the present, God will transform us, and in turn He will use us not only to transform our parish and the Church, but to change the world!



HAVE YOU FINISHED READING THE BOOK YET?

Either way, please join us for a very special parish gathering:

"THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC"

10 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SATURDAY, 1 MARCH IN THE CHURCH.

Similar format to the Diocesan Gathering held on 28 January.

All parishioners are asked to commit this gathering to prayer
and make a special effort to come.

Let's make this an important moment in the life of our parish.

Excerpted from Matthew Kelly's book of the same title



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Fr. Dan VanDelst, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

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Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment

1 month in advance

MARRIAGES

Please give 6 months notice

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, February 15th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. George & Carmel Belmore by the family

Sunday, February 16th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Daphne Martell by husband Barice & family
 11:00 a.m. Sister Loretta Gaffney RHJS by Associates to RHSJ

Monday, February 17th

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Cecelia by a parishioner

Tuesday, February 18th

7:30 a.m. Tonie Van Riel & Georgette & Maurice Bray
 by Maria & family

Wednesday, February 19th

7:30 a.m. Augustina Agwu by Gerry & Lise DiCola

Thursday, February 20th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Rita Boyce by a friend

Friday, February 21st

7:30 a.m. John Sampson by Chris & Pauline Chisholm

Saturday, February 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Vocations by St. Columban's CWL

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer
 11:00 a.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

Monday, February 24th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Frank Ricci by
 The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

PARISH CUSTODIAN REQUIRED

The work involves the cleaning & general maintenance of parish buildings & property which includes the church, rectory, rectory garage & the activity center (a room on the 2nd floor of the Agape Center). A job description is available from the office & a copy is posted in the Church. Hours of work are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (25 hours per week), Monday to Friday. Start date 19 May. If interested please submit your application to the office by 14 March.

BURSARIES

Once again this year, *The Catholic Women's League of St. Columban Parish* will provide two \$150. bursaries to students graduating from local high schools. Students who are active members of St. Columban's will be considered first. For more info & application form, contact the office during office hours.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Thanks to all who signed postcards on behalf of the people of the global South. More information on Development and Peace and the assistance it gives to the poor is available at www.dvp.org

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 2 FEBRUARY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,297.75	Initial	\$ 35.00
Loose	370.19	New Year's	61.00
Total	\$4,667.94	Candles	274.95
		Books	122.63

FATHER DAN IS AWAY FROM THE PARISH

February 10th to 17th on vacation. We welcome Fr. Cameron who will preside at Masses during this time.

Feb. 18th to 20th, Fr. Dan will be in Toronto at a meeting of the National Federation of Presbyteral Councils. We welcome Fr. Dumoulin who will preside at Masses on these days.

NOTE: OFFICE CLOSED FAMILY DAY – MONDAY, 17 FEB.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD
 Reynald Desjardins and all who have died recently.

INVITATION TO BRUNCH

TO THOSE WHO ARE 18 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE
 In the Parish Activity Centre, 2nd Floor, Agape Bldg.
 FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK MASS, SUNDAY, 2 MARCH

BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Dante Avery, Jackson Dallaire, Brooklyn Sonnenberg,
 Brian Pelkey, Jersey Crawford and Vanessa Labelle-Leith
 were Baptised here last weekend.



SNACK AND CHAT – THIS WEEKEND

at the 4th Street Entrance to the Church.
 Plan to stay after Mass for a coffee, treat and chat

BOOK SALE – 22 & 23 FEBRUARY

A gentleman of the Parish is disposing of his library and has graciously donated his books to us. They include writings of the popes, prayer books, devotionals, books on the saints, inspirational and other good Catholic reading. As Matthew Kelly pointed out: *"If we were to read 5 pages of a great Catholic book each day, our lives would be transformed."* Bishop Marcel and Father Dan have also been encouraging us so that we might become *'Dynamic Catholics'* - Catholics who know and love their faith and want to share it with others. The books will be located in the main foyer at the back of the Church. *Freewill offerings - with proceeds going to support our Parish - so please be generous.*

During the Month of February, members of St. Columban's CWL are committed to praying for **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND FOR MARRIAGES.** and ask that all parishioners join your prayers to theirs.

4 SIGNS – 4 WEEKS

Do you have questions or ideas you want to discuss concerning Matthew Kelly's book *"4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"*? If you are interested in being part of a *small group* aiming to take a deeper look at the book & how it impacts your life, call Rick and Bernadette at 613-932-2872. The group will meet for 4 weeks beginning **THURS, 6 MARCH AT 7 P.M.**

IN THE PARISH

PRIESTS' PENSION COLLECTION

We want to express a profound thank you to all who contributed to the Priests' Pension Collection. Across the Diocese we raised \$77,731. in 2013, far exceeding the \$30 000 we had set as a goal for the 2nd year in a row. The amount raised has allowed us to increase the pension from \$750/month to \$800/month starting in July. It will also help us to raise some of the money that will be needed for the next pension increase as we work to increase it to \$1100/month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we have seen the care you have for us as priests. Thank you very much.

Marcel Damphousse+ Fr. Dan Van Delst
Bishop Alexandria-Cornwall Chairman, EMBS Governing Council

As a parish, the parishioners of St. Columban donated \$8,518.00. Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Dan

IN THE DIOCESE

LENTEN MISSION – 7 TO 8:30 P.M., MARCH 3, 4, 5
WANT JOY? FOLLOW JESUS.

At St. Peter's Parish, with Michael Dopp of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries. Michael will be tying in the ideas from "Dynamic Catholic". All are welcome

READY TO EVANGELIZE ?

All are welcome to a special workshop by Michael Dopp
Learn to tell HIS story... and your story.

AGORA CENTRE, 1:30 TO 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, 3 MARCH

IN THE DIOCESE

Catholic Women's League of St. Peter's Parish is hosting a
CARD PARTY – 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY
Share the Wealth, Cash Prizes, Door Prizes,
Light Lunch, Coffee, Tea - Admission \$5. – Everyone welcome

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK – AGAPE FUNDRAISER
in support of Cornwall's hungry and hurting,
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

participants will walk a 2km, 5km or 10km route. This family-friendly fundraiser will help us understand the experience of surviving a cold Canadian winter in poverty. Get a team together, collect pledges, and walk. Or volunteer. For more information call Kendra Smith at 613-938-9297 ext 21

TEENAGE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2014 STEUBENVILLE TORONTO == 4 TO 6 JULY

An amazing high school age Catholic Youth Conference with 2,000 teens – imagine the energy. There is room for 44 teens from our Diocese. For more info: info@acgoes2to.ca or call 613-933-1138 Ext. 28. Register a.s.a.p.

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES IN CORNWALL'S ENGLISH PARISHES

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH	Blessed Sacrament St. Columban St. Francis St. Peter	8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 a.m. 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
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WEEKDAY MASSES

Blessed Sacrament (no morning Mass on Wednesdays)		
Morning	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:00 a.m.
Evening	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
St. Columban		
Morning	Monday to Friday	7:30 a.m.
Afternoon	Tuesdays & Thursdays	12:10 p.m.
St. Francis de Sales		
Morning	Tuesday to Friday	8:00 a.m.
Evening	Mondays	6:30 p.m.
St. Peter		
Morning	Monday to Friday	8:00 a.m.
Evening	Mondays & Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.

THE DIVISION OF CHRISTIANS MUST STOP

Vatican City, 22 Jan.2014 (VIS) – Pope Francis dedicated the catechesis of his general audience to the Prayer Week for Christian Unity.



This is a time dedicated to prayer for the unity of all baptised persons, in accordance with Christ's will "that they may all be one". The initiatives, prepared this year by the Churches & Ecclesiastical Communities of Canada, proposed the question posed by St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth: "Is Christ divided?"

"No, Christ is not divided", said the Holy Father. "But we must recognize sincerely, although with suffering, that our communities continue to experience divisions, which are a scandal. There is no other word for it: the divisions between Christians are a scandal".

Evoking the words of St. Paul, he added, "Each one of you is saying, 'I am of Paul', and 'I of Apollos', and 'I of Cephas', and 'I of Christ'. Even those who named Christ as their leader were not applauded by Paul, because they used Christ's name to separate themselves from others within the Christian community. But the name of Christ creates communion & unity, not division! Baptism and the Cross are central elements in our common Christian discipleship. Divisions, on the other hand, weaken the credibility and effectiveness of our commitment to evangelization".

In his Letter, the Apostle rebukes the Corinthians for their divisions, but also gives thanks to the Lord because the community has been enriched in Jesus Christ, "in all speech and all knowledge". "These words are not a simple formality, but rather the sign that first & foremost he sees God's gifts to the community, for which he is sincerely joyful. In spite of the suffering of divisions, which unfortunately persist to this day, we welcome Paul's words as an invitation to rejoice sincerely in the grace conceded by God to other Christians.

We have experienced the same Baptism, the same Holy Spirit has bestowed grace upon us, so let us rejoice!". "It is good to recognize the grace with which God blesses us and moreover, to find in other Christians something which we need, something we can receive as a gift from our brothers and sisters", continued the Bishop of Rome.

The Canadian group which prepared this Prayer Week exhorts us to encounter one another to understand what all communities can receive from time to time from the others. This requires something more. It requires humility, reflection and continual conversion. Let us follow this path, praying for Christian unity and an end to this scandal", he concluded.

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