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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

By Michael Pirri

Every year on the Sunday prior to Pentecost, the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media. World Communications Day (WCD) was established by Pope Paul VI to encourage us to reflect on the unique opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the Gospel message.

In this year's address, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all interwoven, and that globalization is meant to bring us all closer together, not separate us. Social Media is at the root of a whole host of mental health issues: feelings of anxiety, alienation, inadequacy, and loneliness are becoming more and more prevalent. But how can this be, given that we are so much more connected than previous generations?

"Clearly, it is not enough to multiply connections in order to increase mutual understanding. How, then, can we find our true communitarian identity, aware of the responsibility we have towards one another in the online network as well?" (53rd WCD Message)

St. Paul remarks in his letter to the Ephesians that we hear today *"...the Church, which is his body..."* The image of the Church as the Body of Christ is mentioned by Paul numerous times in the New Testament. This is an important metaphor which evokes striking imagery of interconnectedness. *"Being members one of another is the profound motivation with which the Apostle invites us to put away falsehood and speak the truth: the duty to guard the truth springs from the need not to belie the mutual relationship of communion."* (53rd WCD Message)

Crucial to this interconnectedness, is communication. Even in cases of extreme reclusivity, we do not truly live alone. We exist in relation to others, but also in relationship with others. The same is true for our relationship with God. No matter how distant a life we are living from Him, we

are never truly devoid of a relationship with Him. *"God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communication, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other."* (Dei Verbum, 2)

The challenge for most of us in this day and age is to continue the work of forming meaningful relationships; investing in one another, we hope to forge a community where we affirm our own humanity.

"By virtue of our being created in the image and likeness of God who is communion and communication-of-Self, we carry forever in our hearts the longing for living in communion, for belonging to a community. "Nothing, in fact, is as specific to our nature as entering into a relationship one with another, having need of one another," says Saint Basil." (53rd WCD Message)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ACTS 1.1-11

PSALM 47

EPHESIANS 1.17-23

LUKE 24.46-53

PARISH BBQ & MINISTRY FAIR

Parish staff is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Parish BBQ and Ministry Fair on **Sunday, June 9 from 11:00am to 2:00pm** in Scollard Park, the park on the west side of the church.

If you are available to lending a helping hand at the BBQ, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x3210

BULLETIN

Please note that beginning next weekend, we publish our bulletin on a bi-weekly basis for the summer.

Please remember to take a bulletin home with you after Mass to stay in touch with the Parish and wider University of St. Michael's College community events.

MARYGROVE CAMP

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul helps some of the neediest families in our parish by sending girls and boys to Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam every summer. On **June 8 and 9** a special collection will be taken up at Mass to support the work of Marygrove Camp.

This year more than 1,000 girls ages 5 to 13 will enjoy a week of swimming, canoeing, campfires, building friendships, and much more. For many, it is a wonderful, life-changing experience. We thank you for your prayers, and your financial support.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar Servers assist the members of the liturgical assembly by presenting or arranging vessels and other items used in the celebration of the Mass. Their reverent and efficient services enable other ministers to attend to their own roles while the liturgical actions unfold in a noble simplicity. As members of the assembly who are visible to all, the Altar Servers also model good liturgical participation.

We are currently recruiting Altar Servers for the **Saturday 5:00pm** and **Sunday 4:30pm** Masses. Interested men and women are asked to contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

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Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, May 26, 2019 \$5,113.35



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 2ND – 8TH

SUNDAY ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00am Tamara Tumidajski (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Margaret Chociej (+)
4:30pm Elizabeth Perera (+)

MONDAY ST. CHARLES LWANGA

7:30am
12:10pm Teofilo Bito Jr. (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Holy Souls
12:10pm Crispin Sr. and Celedonia Cruz Santos (+,+)

WEDNESDAY ST. BONIFACE

7:30am The Thalheimer Family
12:10pm Luz DeGuia (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+), Eileen Devlin (+), Alice and Michael Rowe

FRIDAY (+,+)

7:30am James Cahill (+)
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Kyle Nathan Arnold (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Michael West, Rita Moran, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Jose Gaitero, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, *John Martis, and Bernard D'Souza.*

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