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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time this edition of the Mary, Queen of Peace (MQP) Cornerstone comes to you in the mail, our parish and archdiocese, along with Catholics throughout the English-speaking world, will be well into the use of the new English translation of the third edition (since Vatican Council II) of the Roman Missal (RM III).

We have been preparing to receive and implement this new translation for quite some time now, at least since the Fall of 2010. After many archdiocesan workshops, together with a variety of different parish sessions focusing on the new wording of the prayers, acclamations, dialogues and responses of the Mass, the ritual editions of the RM III arrived from the publishers this past October. We celebrated two “practice Masses” that same month and introduced in mid-October a new

Mass setting--Mass of Renewal--by the composer, Curtis Stephan. This new Mass setting was written with the new English translation in mind, and hence our parishioners at MQP were able to begin learning some of the sung portions of the new translation nearly a month and a half prior to the full implementation of the RM III, in Advent.

Now that Advent has begun, we are in a phase of further transition and learning, as we adjust to and become familiar with the new wording, together with the new rhythms and cadences they embody. Some additional characteristics and features of the new English translation of the third Roman Missal are:

1) A closer affinity between the liturgical text (the Mass) and the Scriptural text (the Bible). Since the Bible—its words, images, symbols and actions—is often a source for the Liturgy, the new wording of the Mass adheres more closely to the Biblical passages from which it is drawn. In this way, we will be able to hear clearer echoes of the Biblical stories and verses, as we pray and use to the new English translation. As you listen and give voice to the new translation, see if

you can identify some of these places where the Biblical text is echoed and employed in texts of the Mass.

2) A nobility of tone and a formality of speech, marks the new translation. While this was not untrue of the previous translation, the new

wording is characterized by this quality to an even greater extent. This is in an effort to cultivate within us, a deeper awareness of and respect for God’s transcendent majesty and holiness, as well as to foster the humility and reverence that we should bring to

our communal worship of God. While God is indeed “nearer to us than we are to ourselves”, it is good for us to be mindful of the “otherness” of the Living God and of the sense of awe and respect that we creatures ought rightly to bring to our worship of God. The new translation strives for this quality of speech as a way to cultivate within us this attitude of mind and heart before the Holy One, the Lord of Heaven and Earth.

3) A greater use of “inclusive”—that is, gender neutral—language is another feature of the new

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translation. While there are still a good number of places in the RM III where masculine

nouns and pronouns—e. g., man/men, his/him, Father/Son—are used in reference to God and to human beings, especially in regard to Jesus, there is nonetheless a far greater use of language marked by inclusivity that was the case in the previous translation. For example, in most of the Opening Collects prayed by the priest, the term “Father”, so prevalent in the previous Sacramentary (Missal), has been rendered simply as “God”. Even more so in references to human beings, gender neutral or inclusive language is employed to a far greater degree than was previously the case.

4) The grammar and syntax of the original Latin is followed more closely in the new translation.

Perhaps the clearest, as well as the most common, example of this is the people’s response to the greeting offered by the priest. Now, when the priest greets the people, or extends to them the sign of peace—i. e., “The Lord/peace be with you.”—the people respond not by saying, “And also with you.”, but by saying/singing, “And with your spirit.”, which is a more literal and exact rendering in English of the Latin, “Et cum spiritu tuo.”

5) The writings/teachings of the great Patristic figures are more clearly evident in the new translation. These were the post-Apostolic personages in the early centuries of the Church who had such a profound influence upon the shape and character of our Catholic faith—people such as Augustine, Irenaeus, Athanasius, Ignatius of Antioch, and others. Especially in the great doctrinal debates and creedal formulations of the Councils of Chalcedon, Nicaea and Constantinople, these theological giants left an indelible stamp upon the understanding and formulation of our Christian faith. The echo of

the voices of these Patristic figures is another mark of the new translation.

As we move further into Advent and closer and closer to Christmas and even beyond these weeks into the other seasons and periods of the liturgical year, we ask for God’s guidance and help in welcoming the new translation and in plumbing the depths of prayer and belief that it holds within itself, but that we must enter in order to find and to know. As in all experiences of change and transition, we must help each other to navigate our way through, by our patience, by our charity, by our encouragement, and by our openness and receptivity. May our efforts help us to know more fully and deeply the mystery of Christ, and of our identity and calling as his Church, the people he has chosen as his own.

I hope and pray that you, your families, and your loved may know a blessed Advent, a joyful Christmas and a prosperous and peace-filled New Year.

God bless you all,

Fr. Kevin

GROWING AN ENGAGED CHURCH: MQP FOR ME

“Setting our roots deep and bearing abundant fruit by Growing Church Engagement”

As I write this article, we have just one Focus Group left to hold. Although we have not yet begun to assimilate all we have heard in the groups, I can tell you that it has been such a valuable experience. We have had over one hundred parishioners participate in one of 20 groups. I thought I would share with you just a few of the responses we received when we asked the question: When you are feeling best about belonging to Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, what image or experience at Mary, Queen of Peace comes to mind?

One participant shared that they feel a sense of belonging to Mary, Queen of Peace when they are

involved with the Human Concerns Commission--being a part of things. Another shared, “When I am reading at Mass or I am a Eucharistic Minister – I feel a part and it changes my whole being.” Still another shared, “I feel best when the music at Mass is good, and I really like it – quality and quantity.” One shared, “I don’t see myself as a super spiritual person – but the Eucharist really moves me. I feel lucky to be a Eucharistic Minister.” Another shared that for him it was Fr. Paul’s funeral, “It was the combination of our whole community and the hierarchy coming together. It was such a feeling of unity.” Many shared

how much they love the daily Mass group and how that gives them a sense of belonging.

As you can guess, there is so much more to share and those of us, who had the privilege to serve as a facilitator or recorder at one of these groups, feel profoundly blessed to have been able to listen to the thoughts and experiences of so many in our Parish! Look for additional information in the coming weeks! If you would still like to share your thoughts or insights you can find the questions on the Parish website – www.mqp.org just fill out the questions and return them to Kathi Rowley at Stewardship@mqp.org.

THREE RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the 5:00pm Mass, on Saturday, Dec 3, Mary, Queen of Peace welcomed three candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church. Chris Saddler, Kirk Oren, and Cameron Lee (sponsors Jessica Saddler, Alicia Rutledge, Ken Cameron, respectively) were previously baptized in other Christian traditions. After going through the preparation process, they made a profession of faith, they were confirmed, and they received Holy Communion.

Please keep them in your prayers so that they may be completely open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they start their lives as full members of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a year-round process. Different participants start at different times. Those who are already baptized in another Christian tradition may be received into the Church at various times of the year. Those who are not

baptized are received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, through baptism, Confirmation, and Communion. If you have friends and family who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to participate in the process.

For more information, contact Zoltan Abraham at adulted@mqp.org or 425-391-1178 x117.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM STARTS IN FEBRUARY

Confirmation is a part of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. A number of liturgical roles, such as serving as a reader and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, require Confirmation. The Church also views Confirmation as a profound outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which helps to sustain the faithful in the Christian life, and helps each person to experience the love of God more deeply. The Church sees

Confirmation as a necessary step in becoming ready for marriage in the Catholic faith.

Are you an adult Catholic who has not been confirmed? It is not too late! Join our winter Adult Confirmation program. Meetings will be on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Feb 19, 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, and Apr 1.

Additionally, a half-day retreat will be held on a day that best suits the

schedule of the class participants.

For more information, contact Zoltan Abraham at adulted@mqp.org or 425-391-1178 x117.

Also, please see the bulletin for information on other Adult Faith Formation programs, such as Becoming Catholic, Bible Study, Catholicism 101, and Welcome Back.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

This morning, I was thinking about the lepers that Jesus healed and then sent them off to show the rabbi that they were healed. Only one came back and gave thanks to Jesus. How many times a day does the Lord heal me, give me love, family, friendship, forgiveness, food, clothing, money, and everything else? How many times a day do I give thanks to Him? Not enough!

For me, this is one of the reasons I set aside one hour a week, to come on Wednesday, to adore

and give thanks to God for all the many blessings I have received and for my crosses. This appointment with the Lord, this very important date is on my calendar. Attending Mass is the highest prayer, Exposition and Adoration are the continuation of Mass. These are the most important prayers I do for my soul, so that I may heal and grow closer to God, who is love and yearns for me to come to Him. It is necessary to spend time with those we love.

Advent is approaching and what a great time to stop and get away from the world and come and adore. The Prince of Peace is waiting just for you. Please consider signing up for an hour with the Lord, each Wednesday. Call or email me with the hour of your choice. We are in need of one more person at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

God bless you,
Mary Morgan
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MARIAN FESTIVAL 2011



Under the banner of Many Children, One Mother the 2011 Marian Festival was held the weekend of October 11th, 12th and 13th. All Masses were in Mary's honor, and parishioners were asked to wear blue during the weekend's events. Throughout the festival a display of Rosaries, provided by parishioners, showcased the artistry and variations found around the world. Thank you to all parishioners, who graciously offered to loan their rosaries for display.

The Festival kicked off Friday, with a concert that treated the crowd to the incredible performances of the parish's gifted musicians and singers. The hour and half concert concluded with evening prayer and a reception, in

the vestibule, where parishioners met and thanked the performers while enjoying food and drink. Many commented that they were looking forward to this again next year, and how nice it was to see all the MQP musical talent in one place.

Saturday's festivities began with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, where the intentions were prayed in seven different languages to demonstrate the diversity within our parish community. The Mass was also graced with three beautiful Marian songs, written and or scored by David Yackley, Fr. Kevin Duggan, and Beth Williams. After Mass 200 parishioners attended the potluck feast, where the MQP Social Life ministry provided three main course dishes and attendees provided salads, side dishes, and desserts. All who came were encouraged to provide food and dress in clothing, that reflected their ethnic heritage.

Around the Social Hall, posters created by parishioners depicting and describing the many Mary Festivals that occur throughout the liturgical year, allowed guests the opportunity to learn more about the



rich traditions that surround Our Lady, within the Catholic Church. The Rosary Making Ministry demonstrated the making of rosaries and provided a display of the many beautiful types of rosaries they create. Near the end of the dinner, diners were entertained with a slide show of people, from around the world, grouped by continent under the banner of Many Children, One Mother. The accompanying music was orchestrated to match the area of the world being shown.

On Sunday, beginning at 1:15 p.m., our tradition of the Living Rosary continued. Participation and the diversity of languages is growing with twenty-one languages*

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represented from around the world this year. It was beautiful hearing the many voices united in a chorus of devotion and faith. It was also wonderful to see so many familiar faces this third year of the Living Rosary with some folks returning for their third year as “beads”. It was also nice to see some new faces participating with us for the first time and a few for their very first communal praying of the Rosary. Whether returning or new, it was clear that all came together Sunday afternoon with hearts filled with a desire to celebrate the beauty and the gift of the Rosary and to show their love for the Lord through prayers and by our meditation on the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary: (the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Decent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, the Assumption, and the Coronation).

This year, after conclusion of the prayer, a reception in the Social Hall was held for the first time. Most participants and attendees stayed and lingered over light refreshments enjoying the fellowship of their friends.

For those who have yet to experience this moving parish tradition, please consider being one of the fifty nine “beads” of the Rosary next year or joining us in the prayer from the pews—we promise you won’t be disappointed.

Thank you to all the staff, ministries, committees, and individuals who worked so hard for so many months to make this Festival successful and a special thank you to Fr. Kevin for his leadership and devotion without which this festival would never come to pass. Finally, a sincere thank you to all those parishioners, who attended these events and who make the community of Mary, Queen of Peace such a blessing.

* English, Konkoni, Latin, Italian, Vietnamese, Spanish, Telugu, Japanese, Dutch, Lebanese, French, Swedish, Bicol, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin, Ilocano, Chamorro, Spanish, German and Polish.

If you would like to help in planning the 2012 festival please contact Mike Perry @ 425-351-6873 or mperry@dimensionsarch.com.

Prayers of the Rosary in Spanish

Our Father (Padre Nuestro)

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo. Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga a nosotros tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Hail Mary
Ave Maria)

Dios te salve, Maria. Llena eres de gracia: El Señor es contigo. Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres. Y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre: Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Glory Be
(Gloria)

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

BY RICH SHIVELY



Legend says, the cave of Christmas where the child of light burns in the darkness is hidden in the center of the earth.

Access is not easy.

You cannot just amble to a mantle, note the craft of the crib child, and return to the party for more eggnog. You may see a figurine in this way, but you will not find the child of light.

The center of the earth is not the surface.

You must journey and, wayfarer, you need a guide.

Even the Wise Men had to risk the treacherous courts of Herod to consult the map of Scripture.

They knew that a star, no matter how bright, could not take them all the way. It is true that sometimes angels hover in the sky and sing directions, but they cannot be counted on to appear. Besides, you are not one to keep watch over a flock by night.

There is another pointer of the way, a map of a man, who when you try to read him, reads you.

Unexpected angels are pussycats next to this lion, a roar that once overrode Judea. You may not heed but you will hear his insistent, intruding, unsoothing voice.

Some say this thunder is because his father stumbled mute from the Holy of Holies, tongue tied by an angel who was peeved by the old man's stubborn allegiance to biological laws.

The priest was silenced in the temple because he thought flesh could stop God.

The son of the priest shouted in the wilderness because he feared God would stop flesh.

His open mouth was an open warning.

His name is John, a man who was a lamp, at least that is what Jesus said, "a burning and shining lamp."

The implication is clear: The lamp is a torch through the darkness to find the Light of the World.

As the lamp comes closer to the Light, its radiance is overwhelmed. It is in the presence of a stronger shining. It decreases as the Light increases. Yet there is no comparison.

This reflection from John Shea about the life of John the Baptist says so much about who we are to be as a parish community. We point to the reality of our love for our savior, who is much brighter than we. Like the

Baptist, we are called to be a lamp in the desert!

It has occurred to me often in these first weeks at Mary, Queen of Peace how many parishioners allow their lives to be a light that points to the Child of Light. From the ways you have welcomed a stranger, to our sister parish in Ghana, to the tremendous outreach to homeless men and women, to the commitment to praying for and with the community, to making rosaries, to fixing lights, and tending gardens, to forming hearts and minds, to caring for the resources offered the Church, there are so many here at this parish who are "burning and shining" lamps in the midst of a culture that does not always value such things.

Those of us who have the privilege of working here each day, who have the opportunity to incorporate prayer into our everyday work, and who are inspired by the witness of so many who give freely of time, talent and treasure- also are humbled by this witness.

This time of year...Advent - is an invitation to open our hearts, slow down, and be attentive to the ways our lives point to the Child of Light, as John's did. Our own egos sometimes forget that our offering is not meant to do anything other than point to Christ's presence in our midst. The promise of Advent is echoed in the images of what the Kingdom will be like: "Glad tidings for the lowly and healing to the brokenhearted."

This is also a time when the Church invites us to a Spirit of reflection and reconciliation. I mentioned, in a bulletin article last month that my wife's family comes from Poland. At Christmas, we share in a bread breaking ceremony (oplatek) and offer one another a blessing or seek reconciliation with any parts of our relationships that need mending. Paula's family, wonderfully, wear their hearts on their sleeves, and the time is always a time of tears and laughter, as well as heartfelt love. The struggles seem to only be an invitation to deeper relationship in the long run.

In a similar way, it is only our own need for God's love and mercy that drives us to seek him out. St. Paul writes about his "happy fault" that is at the heart of his conversion. So it is with each of us. We all have stumbling stones, which turn out to be necessary in our

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own spiritual journeys. That is the reality with those of us in the Church. While some may claim to be holy, a true spiritual pilgrim in Advent only realizes that Advent itself (which means- the coming) is about a path, not a destination. It is about an invitation to deeper relationship with the Child of Light, and with each other. I am grateful to be on this journey with you!

The cave of Christmas is hidden in the center of the earth. You will need a lamp for the journey.

A man named John is a step ahead of you. His torch sweeps the ground so that you do not stumble. He brings you, at your own pace, to the entrance of the cave. His smile is complete, perfect, whole, lacking nothing.

Inside there is a sudden light, but it does not hurt your eyes. The darkness has been pushed back by radiance. You feel like an underwater swimmer who has just broken the surface of the Jordan and is breathing in the sky. John is gone. Notice from whom the light is shining, beloved child.

(John Shea, Starlight: Beholding the Christmas Miracle All Year Long, ACTA Publications)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REFLECTION



Over a year ago, Mary Morgan approached me at daily Mass about considering the possibility of adoring for an hour during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Due to an accident I had over four years

ago, I am no longer working and have plenty of time to explore different options for prayer and spiritual development that the church offers. Throughout my life I have been consistent with my attendance at Mass and participate in church social activities primarily through the Knights of Columbus. I wouldn't say, however, that I had been a prayerful person. I knew all of the prayers at Mass and those taught during twelve years of Catholic school education, but that was about it.

Adoration provided me that avenue for focused prayer. In addition to exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, numerous prayer books are also available for use during adoration. This quiet hour quickly became much anticipated, during the week, in which I can pray and sort out any issues that may be on my mind.

Let me invite you if you haven't tried to try an hour of adoration. Adoration is on Wednesday following the 9 a.m. Mass, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

by John Blodnick



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

ISSAQUAH & SNOQUALMIE
INFORMATION MEETINGS AND TOURS

FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

We invite you to attend an Information Meeting and Tour for the 2012-13 school year. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to tour the school, ask questions, and learn more about our program. Meetings last approximately 1.5 hours. Please contact Jackie Olund at jolund@sjssissaquah.org or 425-313-9129 ext. 324 to schedule your tour.

Meetings are currently scheduled for:

Issaquah Campus (K-3) Kindergarten Only Meetings:

Tuesday, January 10 10:00 am
Thursday, January 26 7:00 pm

Grades K-3 Meetings:

Thursday, January 12 10:00 am
Tuesday, January 17 7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 24 10:00 am
Tuesday, January 31 10:00 am
Tuesday, February 7 10:00 am
Tuesday, February 14 10:00 am

Snoqualmie Campus (Grades 4-8) Information Meeting

Thursday, January 19 1:30 pm

Snoqualmie Campus (Grades 4-8) Open House

Tuesday, January 10 1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 24 7:00 pm



St. Joseph Preschool

Wednesday, December 7 10:00 am
Wednesday, January 4 10:00 am
Tuesday, January 17 10:00 am



Mary, Queen of Peace Preschool

Thursday, December 8 10:00 am
Thursday, January 5 10:00 am
Thursday, January 19 10:00 am



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Special Liturgies in December 2011

December 10th 12:00 p.m.—A special Spanish Mass in honor of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

December 15th 7:00 p.m.—Advent Reconciliation Service

December 17th 5:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, **December 15th** at 7 p.m.—Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Christmas Eve, Saturday—**December 24th** Masses at: 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday—**December 25th** Masses at: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Overflow parking at Skyline, Arbor School, Library, and City Hall