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Visit our website: www.ststephencathedral.org. The bulletin is posted weekly after 5:00PM Friday.

† **WELCOME** †

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. We invite you not only to worship with us at Mass, but to join us in the many ministries that are needed to spread the good news of the Gospel. Come join us!

† **FROM THE EDITOR** †

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by 9:00AM Monday; they should run no more than two weeks consecutively, whether they be a flyer or an article. Deadline is firm. Articles over 150 words must be submitted as a copy-ready flyer. Flyers need prior approval and are published on a first-come, first-published basis.

† CHRISTIAN INITIATION †

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children is a process by which we share our Catholic way of life. The process begins at the initial contact with us. For more information, please call 683-6525.

† CHILDCARE †

Childcare is provided for the 9:00AM Sunday Mass. Contact Linda Ivey, 683-0170, for more information.

† MINISTRY to the SICK †

Hospital & Nursing Home...Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home.

Anointing of the Sick...Any parishioner who is ill may request the anointing by calling the Office. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally every six months.

Communion...Any homebound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office at 683-6525.

† LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS for OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1, 2009 †
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (B)**5:00PM MASS**

Altar Servers.....*Aaron Alvey, Frances Seaton*
Lectors.....*Janice Scherm, Ruth Ann Carrico*
Min. Brd.....*Sr. Monica Seaton, Helen Miles, Sue Gough*
Min. Cup.....*Margaret Mills, Rebecca Wathen, Laurie Hicks,*
Denise Payne
Min. Hosp.....*Doug Hayden, Cheryl Hayden, Rachel Mattingly,*
Tim Clouse, Charles Payne, Jess Mattingly
Voc. Min.....*David and Jill Head Hayden*

7:00AM MASS

Altar Server.....*John Kirby*
Lectors.....*Robert O. Chinn, Rita Roberson*
Min. Brd.....*Lorraine McFarland*
Min. Cup.....*Peggy Howard, Glenn E. Thompson*
Min. Hosp.....*Charles Winstead, LaWanna Brand, Norman Froehlich,*
Dennis Weafer, Volunteers
Voc. Min.....*Carroll and Peggy Howard*

9:00AM MASS

Children Lit.....*Maria Toth, Jessica Toth*
Altar Servers.....*Jacob Payne, Adam Hayden*
Lectors.....*Carl Lewis, Mark Mahoney*
Min. Brd.....*Barry Hearth, Rita Gerteisen, Rose Ann Payne*
Min. Cup.....*Cindy Mahoney, Sandy Carden, Jill Leigh, Kim Lewis,*
Min. Hosp.....*Bill Payne, Rosemary Payne, Mark Osborne,*
Glenn Calhoun, Elmo Thompson, Mary Helen Nash
Voc. Min.....*Mary Hilda "Miss Mac" McFarland*

11:00AM MASS

Altar Servers.....*Lucy Kurtz, George Kurtz*
Lectors.....*Meghan Payne, Sarah Payne*
Min. Brd.....*Joan Perry, Paulo Martins, Lois Rutigliano*
Min. Cup.....*Tom Payne, Amy Payne, Charlie Shoulta, Will Payne*
Min. Hosp.....*Fran Rickard, Ryan Rickard, Barbara Hart,*
Brian Behnke, Donna Montalvo, Chuck Payne
Voc. Min.....*Jason and Melissa Owens*

† PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Joshua and I sincerely thank you for your kindness to us last Sunday. Of course, you are always kind, but the luncheon last week was a special treat. We are grateful for the many cards, your sentiments of gratitude and support and the various gifts you so generously offered us. And the pasta was wonderful! Special thanks to Jennifer Payne, her family, and all the others who worked with her to coordinate the event.

Fr. Josh and I will join Bishop McRaith and numerous other priests of the diocese at Mount Saint Joseph this week for our annual retreat. Please remember us all in prayer and be assured that you will be in ours. As a consequence of the retreat, there will be no Masses celebrated here most of the week. There will be a daily Service of the Word with Holy Communion on those days. Please note the schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.

A note to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please remember that you are responsible to wash the communion vessels after Mass. Secondly, please be sure and thoroughly dry them after you wash them. On several recent occasions when the servers brought the communion bowls to the altar, I discovered that they were still wet. Thanks for your attention to this.

Last Monday, Pope Benedict named Fr. Paul Etienne, the pastor of St. Paul's parish in Tell City, as the bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Bishop-elect Etienne was one of my students when I was on the seminary faculty in Rome. That makes me feel old! With that appointment, Owensboro is the diocese that has been vacant the longest in the United States. Perhaps it will not be long now. Keep praying.

Love, Fr. John



Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
Mon	Tom Wilkerson	Bill Moore and Parents
Tues	NO MASS OR SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed	NO MASS OR SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thurs	NO MASS OR SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri	NO MASS OR SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat	Special Intention	Gene Boone

Sunday, November 1

Sat 5:00PM	Ruth Payne
Sun 7:00AM	People of the Parish
9:00AM	Mildred Ann Clark
11:00AM	Mary Fulkerson



EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

“The restoration of justice, reconciliation and forgiveness are the conditions for building true peace. The recognition of this fact leads to a determination to trans-

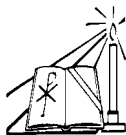
form unjust structures and to restore respect for the dignity of all men and women, created in God's image and likeness. Through the concrete fulfillment of this responsibility, the Eucharist becomes in life what it signifies in its celebration.

“As I have had occasion to say, it is not the proper task of the Church to engage in the political work of bringing about the most just society possible; nonetheless she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the struggle for justice. The Church ‘has to play her part through rational argument and she has to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice, which always demands sacrifice, cannot prevail and prosper.’”

*Pope Benedict XVI, “Sacramentum Caritatis,” February 22, 2007
Courtesy of V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service*

A VOCATION VISTA

A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me any more, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation that goes beyond the human capacity for hope, he can help me.



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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 25—THIRTIETH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: II
Glenmary Pumpkin Sales, Church, (after Masses today)
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
 Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon
 Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM
Photos, Undercroft, 6:00-8:00PM

MONDAY, October 26—Weekday, Ordinary Time

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 R & R Club, Office, 9:00AM

TUESDAY, October 27—Weekday, Ordinary Time

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00AM
 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 12:05PM

WEDNESDAY, October 28—SS. SIMON and JUDE, Apostles

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00AM
 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 12:05PM
 Book of Sirach Scripture Study, Media Ctr, 10:30AM
 Choir (Adult), Church, 6:00PM
 Inquiry Session, Office, 6:00PM

THURSDAY, October 29—Weekday, Ordinary Time

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00AM
 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 12:05PM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM

FRIDAY, October 30—Weekday, Ordinary Time

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00AM
 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 12:05PM

SATURDAY, October 31—Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM
 Confessions, Church, 9:00—11:00AM
Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM



SUNDAY, November 1—SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: III
DONUT SUNDAY
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
 Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM
 Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon
 Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM
Confirmation Class, Undercroft, 4:30-6:00PM
Photos, Church, 6:00-8:00PM



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Living and Giving Gratefully

This Week's Stewardship Moment

After healing the blind man, Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man decided to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we chose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offertory)

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$12,465.03 in the Sunday Offertory for the Weekend of October 10 and 11, which included \$56.15 from "Kids Care."

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (7/1/09– 10/11/09)

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$246,000.00
Amount Donated:	\$242,605.68
Amount Short of Needed Goal:	\$ 3,394.32

Thanks for Living and Giving Gratefully!

"Kids Care" Fiscal Year-to-Date \$927.23

This section will be updated in the Oct. 31—Nov. 1 Bulletin

Some of the Gifts from the Other Half
of our Stewardship

Diocesan/Other Collections	October 10-11	Total
"St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal"	\$3,074.00	\$853,772.58
Maintenance & Repairs Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,118.00
KY League of Educational Alternatives	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 106.00	\$ 106.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 131.75	\$ 3,933.74

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Please Pray For All The Sick

Mary K Adams	Ruth Hagan	Mike Osborne
Lois Aud	Bryce Hancock	Bill/Geraldine Payne
John Aud	Mike Hayden	David Payne
Richard Aud	Janet Haynes	Lorraine Payne
Betty Aull	Sylvia Heflin	Wanda Payne
Donald Axley	Joe Hendricks	Ed/Grace Pickett
Alice Bagot	Beverly Heppler	Martha Poole
Joe Beard	Marie Hester	Shirley Poole
Catherine Beaven	Bertha Horrell	Theresa Ray
Mike Bogdan	Betty Houston	Margaret W. Roberts
Sam Booth	Betty Howard	Roy Roberts
John Bouvier	Jennie Howard	Martha Jo Ross
Ann Bresler	Mary Hudson	Joe Rudy
Nancy Brey	Barbara Huff	Betty Sapp
Bill/Opal Brown	Mary Hudson	Maurice Schaefer
Don Brown	Elsie Jarboe	Melba Schemmel
Eric Brown	Eddie Jaskolski	Alberta Schrecker
Jean Carpenter	Colene Jennings	Doris Schwartz
Ann Cecil	Betty Jones	Charles M. Shoemaker
Bob Cecil	Frankie Jones	Mary Ruth Shoemaker
Gloria Cecil	Lou Jones	Fred Sikes
Dennis Cecil	Zachary Judd	Marie Simmons
Willie Cecil	James Kelly	Iona Simon
Junior Chew	Anna Klein	Roger Simon
Cliff Clark	Betty Klein	Dorothy Sims
Mildred Clark	Bill Knott	Martha Sims
Julie Clouse	Martin Krampe	Fred Smith
David Condra	Viola Kruta	Laura Abel Smith
Betty Coomes	Sharon Kurtz	Helen Staples
Mary S Coomes	Phillip Loehr	Mary Taylor
Thomas Coomes	Patsy Logsdon	Louise Thompson
James Crisp	Henry Luckett	David/Bern Tooley
John Crowe	Larry P. Lyons	Beverly Velotta
Patrick Cureton	Margaret Mattingly	Bill Walker
Charles Danhauer	Wilma McManaway	Dianne Walsh
Daniel Dawson	Jeb Medley	Bob Weikel
Jerry/Dorothy Draeger	Martin Millay	Joan Wells
Wilma Fenwick	Cleo Miller	Taran Wells
Margaret Ferguson	Frank Molnar	Ed Welsh
Lucille Fischer	Randy Montgomery	Larry Whittaker
Dick/Chris Flaherty	Joan Moss	Aloysius Williams
Sherry Fulkerson	Sue Mudd	Vicki Wink
Amy Fulks	Nancy Murphy	John W. Wright
Helen Galloway	Frances O'Bryan	John Yates
Becky Goetz	Joseph O'Bryan	Mike Yates
Hallie Graham	Mary O'Harrow	Mary Josephine Young
Carrie Grant	Judy Oelze	Ruth Zachery
Dwayne Hagan	Joann Ogle	
George Hagan	Shirley Oliver	

- Names in bold print are those currently in the hospital.
(Please let us know when names need to be removed.)

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

Carmel Home-Dora Peak, Virginia Carrico, Mary C. Kelley, Leon Keller, Mary Jane Yates, Gladys Thompson, Edna Kavolus, Bob Brown, Christina Morgan, Margaret Roberts, Ray Coomes, Lucille Tong, Margaret Tyler, Martha Sims, Rosalia McPherson. **Fern Terra-**Janie Jackson, Lorraine Payne. **Owensboro Place**-Charles B. Payne, Mary Bopp. **Hillcrest**-Susan Ward, Mary Ruth Danhauer, Jim O'Bryan. **Wellington Parc**-Mary Guinn, Marie Richardson, Betty Crowder. **Heritage Park**-Albert Bellew, Marie Simmons. **Bishop Soenneker**-Aloysius Williams, Cecil Barnett, Robert Danhauer, Nancy Brey, Freddie Payne. **Bon Harbor**-Betty Wimsatt, Dorothy Lanham. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Hermitage**-Margaret Beard.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Christ "calls" the disciples because once "consecrated" they are then "sent" to reestablish a richer divine life in every man. Today the priests are called, consecrated and sent as "property of God" to act "*in persona Christi*," as Christ the head over the mystical body. Thus the priest becomes in this way an instrument to be used by Christ to effect the salvific mysteries of redemption.

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VIANNEY VISIT



In this "Year for Priests," the Office of Vocations invites young men of the Diocese of Owensboro on a pilgrimage to Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, MN, November 19-22. In addition to many graces, the pilgrimage offers an opportunity for young men in grades 10 and up interested in the priesthood and in being formed as men in Christ to experience seminary life first-hand, and to explore the who, what, where, when, and why of a vocation to the Roman Catholic Priesthood. Please register by Friday, November 6. For registration and further information contact the Office of Vocations at 683-1545 or email Father Andy Garner at fr.andy.garner@pastoral.org.

CLERGY FALL RETREAT

The priests of the Owensboro Diocese will be on retreat October 26-30. There will be the usual daily Masses on Monday at 7:00AM and 12:05PM. During the rest of the retreat, there will be no 7:00AM OR 12:05PM Mass. However, there will be Holy Communion Services each day at 12:05PM. Holy Communion Services consist of the Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Holy Communion and are approved to be celebrated in the absence of a priest. Please keep in prayer all those clergy attending, especially our pastor, Fr. John Vaughan, and associate pastor, Fr. Joshua McCarty.

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died especially *Bill Foor*, brother-in-law of *Sarah Jane Kuntz* and uncle of *Jerry Kuntz*; *Betty Bittel Payne*; and *Wesley Bagot*, son of *Alice Bagot*.



Pray, also, for those who are in the process of dying. May the souls of all our beloved dead rest in God's peace and love.

(Please call the office when there is a death in your family.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

10/25: Jeanne Higdon, John Michl Wright, John Yates
 10/27: Carolyn Bowlds, Mary Conroy, Alexis Hager, Jerry Long
 10/28: Teresa Crowe, Marybelle Darnell, Lucille Fischer, John Moore, Elizabeth Searcy, Bradley Stephen, Sierra Grace Storm
 10/29: Susan J. Cecil, Dorothy Sims
 10/30: Nancy Hendricks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, Saltine crackers, cereal, pork and beans, canned tuna and meat, canned fruit.

2010 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new Lector Workbooks for 2010 are available in the Sacristy. They are listed in alphabetical order. Please pick your workbook up as soon as possible.

WOW!**ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL AWARDS
"PARADE"**

Congratulations to the following students who earned an Academic Letter.

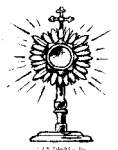
Class of 2010: Jay Fullenwider, McKenzie Higdon, Haley Minton, Hannah Minton, William Payne, Ellen Wright, John Wright.

Class of 2011: Aaron Alvey, Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina.

Class of 2012: Peyton Booth, Logan Cecil, Michael Crowe, Erica McFarland, Anna McNulty, Michael Polio, Allen Rakotoniaina, Alexander Riccio.

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Our annual prayer service honoring all those who died this past year will be held on Monday, November 2, All Soul's Day, at 6:30PM. We will be praying the Office of the Dead, a part of the church's Liturgy of the Hours. You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one to display. A reception will follow the service in the Undercroft, where we will have the opportunity to continue sharing memories of our beloved dead.

PRAYER INVITATION

Permanent Adorer positions are open at the Carmel Home for adoration on Wednesdays, 2:00–3:00AM and 3:00–4:00AM; Saturdays: 1:00–2:00AM and 2:00–3:00AM; Sundays: 1:00–2:00AM. Sub-Adorers are also needed for Eucharistic adoration hours: Midnight to 5:00AM. Call Marti Castlen at 929-5839.

WORD OF LIFE

In giving life, parents cooperate with the creative power of God and receive the gift of a new responsibility — not only to feed their children and satisfy their material and cultural needs, but above all to pass on to them the lived truth of the faith and to educate them in love of God and neighbor. This is the parents' first duty in the heart of the "domestic church." The Church has always affirmed that parents have the duty and the right to be the first and the principal educators of their children.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation class is November 1, at 4:30PM, in the Undercroft. Both students and their sponsors are to attend this session.

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5–6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

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SUNDAY EVENING, 6:00-8:00PM
Ages 14-30



PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS

The Angels for our Troops Organization is planning to send packages to our troops serving in the Middle East, possibly by Thanksgiving. If you have any family members or friends serving in the Armed Forces in the Middle East (Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.), please contact: Patsy Bennett, 270-281-5847, with their names and addresses, so they can be included in this project.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every Monday from 6:00-8:00PM for four consecutive weeks, starting November 9. The meeting will be at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, and is open to all the public at no charge. For more information, call Betty Medley at 683-1545, ext. 357.

OCHS SWIM TEAM FUNDRAISER

Beef O'Brady's will host a Owensboro Catholic High School Swim Team fundraiser on Monday, October 26, from 4:00-8:00 PM. Ten percent of the sales will benefit the team. Come support the Swim Team!

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL LEAGUE AND CHEERLEADING SIGNUPS

All boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, who are enrolled in the Owensboro Catholic Schools or in a parish sponsored religious education program, are eligible to participate in the Elementary Basketball League and Cheerleading. Registration fee is \$35 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child, payable to OCES Booster Club. For more information, call Russ Hayden (684-6783) or Jamie Klump (926-4492).

PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT FOR OUR BISHOP

Let us continue to ask God's guidance on the selection of our next bishop: "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Come, Holy Spirit!*"

THE SECOND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR AFRICA

Note: The Holy Father has asked us all to pray for the work of the special assembly of bishops for Africa, which will close on October 25.

The Truth about Africa

"The truth is that Africa has been burdened for too long by the media with everything that is loathsome to humankind; and it is time to 'shift gears' and to have the truth about Africa told with love, fostering the development of the continent which would lead to the well-being of the whole world. The G8 countries and the countries of the world must love Africa in truth! Generally considered to occupy the tenth position in world economy, Africa is however the second emerging world market after China. Thus, it is as the just-ended G8 summit labelled it, a continent of opportunities. This needs to be true also for the people of the continent. It is hoped that the pursuit of reconciliation, justice and peace, made particularly Christian by their rootedness in love and mercy, would restore wholeness to the Church-Family of God on the continent, and that the latter, as salt of the earth and light of the world, would heal 'wounded human hearts, the ultimate hiding place for the causes of everything destabilizing the African continent.' Thus, will the continent and its islands realize their God-given opportunities and endowments.

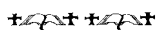
Peace

"Peace does not have just a secular sense, it being the absence of conflict, the presence of harmony in the home and within the family, individual and communal (national) security and prosperity. Peace, is not just when human beings and their societies fulfil their respective duties and recognize the rights of other persons and societies; and it is not just one of the results of working for justice. Peace essentially transcends the world and human efforts. It is a gift of God bestowed on the 'righteous/just.' ... Peace is an activity that goes beyond strict justice and requires love. It derives from communion with God and is aimed at the wellbeing of man."

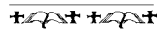
Servants and "Salt of the Earth"

"When the Synod exhorts the Church in Africa to be 'servants of reconciliation, justice and peace' as 'salt of the earth,'" it is "making use of a polyvalent symbol to express the multiple tasks and demands of being a disciple and of being Church (family of God) in Africa. ... On a continent, parts of which live under the shadow of conflict and death, the Church must sow seeds of life: life-giving initiatives. She must preserve the continent and its people from the putrefying effects of hatred, violence, injustice and ethnocentrism. The Church must purify and heal minds and hearts of corrupt and evil ways; and administer her life-giving Gospel message to keep the continent and its people alive."

Card. Peter Turkson, "Report Before the General Discussion," October 5, 2009

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Like fruit coming forth from its roots, the truths of the Church's faith, in the fields of dogma and morality, fall within the sphere of the Word of God. From this vantage point, when God's Revelation is pro-

claimed in faith, it becomes a real moment of Revelation, which can truly be called the "Word of God" in the Church.