

Theme Sharin

Ascension of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, details the final moments of Christ on earth before he was lifted up into heaven. The other two readings also speak about the Ascension, with Matthew giving an account of Jesus' last appearance to the apostles.

For us, this feast really means the start of our active apostolate: to fulfill the mission of evangelization entrusted to us by our Risen Lord. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we are to proclaim our faith to the ends of the earth and so to change the whole world according to God's divine plan – a plan that can only be accomplished through the grace of God. Thus some of us are given gifts and graces to be either apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors or teachers; and we need to make full use of such gifts to complete the various missions designated to us.

In today's gospel, Jesus entrusted to the eleven apostles the Herculean mission of evangelization: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation." To date, this mission has not yet been accomplished, and it requires our active involvement, cooperation and constant prayers.

Jesus' Ascension really is a huge sign of hope for us: not only will we one day meet face to face with Christ in heaven, we are at this very moment receiving the graces necessary for us to lead a good and righteous life here on earth and compatible with God's calling for each one of us.

Our Risen Lord has promised graces to people of all ages. If we are loyal to his teachings, we can rest assured that our life will be a fountain of immense joy for us.

2015 Year Of Consecrated Life

The living image of the Church as Bride

In the consecrated life, particular importance attaches to the spousal meaning, which recalls the Church's duty to be completely and exclusively devoted to her Spouse, from whom she receives every good thing. This spousal dimension, which is part of all

consecrated life, has a particular meaning for women, who find therein their feminine identity and as it were discover the special genius of their relationship with the Lord. A moving sign of this is seen in the New Testament passage which portrays Mary with the Apostles in the Upper Room, in prayerful expectation of the Holy Spirit. We can see here a vivid image of the Church as Bride, fully attentive to her Bridegroom and ready to accept his gift. In Peter and the other Apostles there emerges above all the aspect of fruitfulness, as it is expressed in ecclesial ministry, which becomes an instrument of the Spirit for bringing new sons and daughters to birth through the preaching of the word, the celebration of the Sacraments and the giving of pastoral care. In Mary the aspect of spousal receptivity is particularly clear; it is under this aspect that the Church, through her perfect virginal life, brings divine life to fruition within herself.

The consecrated life has always been seen primarily in terms of Mary — Virgin and Bride. This virginal love is the source of a particular fruitfulness which fosters the birth and growth of divine life in people's hearts. Following in the footsteps of Mary, the New Eve, consecrated persons express their spiritual fruitfulness by becoming receptive to the Word, in order to contribute to the growth of a new humanity by their unconditional dedication and their living witness. Thus the Church fully reveals her motherhood both in the communication of divine grace entrusted to Peter and in the responsible acceptance of God's gift, exemplified by Mary. God's people, for their part, find in the ordained ministry the means of salvation, and in the consecrated life the incentive to make a full and loving response through all the different forms of Christian service.

News & Others

Pope's Message for 49th World Communications Day

The Day will be celebrated on Sunday 17 May 2015, and this year's theme is "Communicating the family: a privileged place of encounter with the gift of love". We have come into the world, in some sense we are still in a 'womb', which is the family. A womb made up of various interrelated persons: the family is 'where we learn to live with others despite our differences'.

Notwithstanding the differences of gender and age between them, family members accept one another because there is a bond between them. The wider the range of these relationships and the greater the differences of age, the richer will be our living environment. It is this bond which is at the root of language, which in turn strengthens the bond. We do not create our language; we can use it because we have received it. It is in the family that we learn to speak our 'mother tongue', the language of those who have gone before us. In the family we realise that others have preceded us, they made it possible for us to exist and in our turn to generate life and to do something good and beautiful. We can give because we have received. This virtuous circle is at the heart of the family's ability to communicate among its members and with others. More generally, it is the model for all communication.

"The experience of this relationship which 'precedes' us enables the family to become the setting in which the most basic form of communication, which is prayer, is handed down. When parents put their newborn children to sleep, they frequently entrust them to God, asking that he watch over them. When the children are a little older, parents help them to recite some simple prayers, thinking with affection of other people, such as grandparents, relatives, the sick and suffering, and all those in need of God's help. It was in our families that the majority of us learned the religious dimension of communication, which in the case of Christianity is permeated with love, the love that God bestows upon us and which we then offer to others.

"Families should be seen as a resource rather than as a problem for society. Families at their best actively communicate by their witness the beauty and the richness of the relationship between man and woman, and between parents and children. We are not fighting to defend the past. Rather, with patience and trust, we are working to build a better future for the world in which we live".

Details at www.vatican.com

Diocese & Other News

Social Justice Ministry

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission is sponsoring a workshop on May 30, 2015 from 8:30am – 12:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 1414 Shawnessy Blvd. SW.,

Calgary. The presenter is Dr. Peter Baltutis who will speak on, "Living Like Christ in Our Day to Day Lives". Cost is \$10.00 which includes breakfast. To register please contact Caroline at 403-218-5523 or e-mail caroline.silveira@calgarydiocese.ca.

Prayer Summit 2015: Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre (941160 Retreat Road, Cochrane) is hosting the 2015 Ecumenical Prayer Summit, Saturday June 20th, 10am – 4pm. Join other Christian leaders in a day of reflection and prayer. The weekend features Pastors John Hutchinson and John Lucas Sr., Father Kevin Lynch, OFM, Father Bob Mitchell, OFM, Dr. Charles Neunkirchen, and Deacon Adrian Martens, with music by Denis Grady. For more information call 403-932-2012.

Rites of the RCIA is the topic of this year's Western Conference for the Catechumenate. June 5 (7-9pm) and June 6 (8:30-4:30), 2015, Saskatoon SK, \$99. Contacts: 306-358-2057
<http://western-catechumenate.blogspot.ca> | cic.michelle@saskatoonrcdiocese.com.

Parish Activities

Humanitarian Crisis in Nepal:

A donation option for the earthquake in Nepal that you can find at the following links: <https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=13>.

You may also contribute to this humanitarian relief outreach by sending your cheques through the Office of the Diocese to CCODP - simply mark "Nepal" (to the address: Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120-17th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2S-2T2).

- Parishioners can donate cash or make your cheque payable to OLPH, earmarked "Nepal" put it in an envelope (with your Sunday collection envelope number OR name and address marked) and drop it into the Sunday Mass collection basket. The amount will be added to your year-end donation tax receipt issued by the parish. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity with the people experiencing hardship in Nepal, and pray for them!
May God Bless You!

OLPH Parish Pastoral

Council Election of Lay Councillors

The OLPH Parish Pastoral Council is made up of the Pastor, Deacons and lay

members. The terms of office of Councillors will expire at end of this year. Fr.

Nguyen and the OLPH Parish Pastoral Council decided that a general election will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Nomination Forms to fill these positions are now available at the Church entrances. Parish groups may nominate their members to stand for election. A parishioner may "self-nominate" or nominate another parishioner as a lay councillor to the Council. Please note that a written Consent from the nominee is required. The duly completed Nomination/Consent Form must be submitted to the Parish Office under confidential cover by Friday, September 20, 2015 at office hours.

Article 4.2 of the Council's Constitution, which sets out the requirements of council membership (lay councillor), states as follows:

Any member of the parish who satisfies the following requirements is eligible for appointment as a lay councillor. For the effective discharge of the Council's mandate, a Parishioner wishing to serve on the Council must be:

- Registered with the parish as a parishioner;
- Over the age of 18;
- Willing to serve on the council at least for a full term of two years;
- Comfortable to work with his or her peers as a team and not be self-seeking;
- Willing to attend, and contribute to, the meetings of the Council and its committees; and
- Willing to attend training sessions, camps or programs intended for his or her spiritual or management development.

A copy of the Council's Constitution and its Bylaws is placed on the Notice Board at the back of the church for general information. The documents are also available on the parish website. For further enquiries, please call OLPH Parish Secretary (403-265-7926).

"Family Rosary Gathering"

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Planning & Evangelization Committee sincerely invites all Godparents and Godchildren and all Parishioners to join the "Family Rosary Gathering" from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Upper Hall on May 24 (Sunday). All Godparents, Godchildren and all

Parishioners are invited! We will provide a light lunch for all participants.

OLPH Breakfast Corner

OLPH CFF will be hosting a Breakfast Corner on Sunday, May 31st at OLPH Upper Hall after every Mass.

Ticket price: \$5.00 each

Tickets are available at the religious article counter.

All Parishioners and friends are welcome!

Together in Action 2015

Theme: "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering for he who has promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

In 2015 our parish's target will be identical to our portion from the diocese at \$22,297. As of April 12, our campaign has received a total of \$9,260.

We plead for your ongoing support. Together we will help thousands within our own communities and abroad through difficult times. Parishioners can pick up the donation envelopes at the entrances. Let's take action now!

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri May 20, 22

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Fri May 22

OLPH Scout

Time: 6:30pm.-8:30 pm

Place: Upper Hall & Lower Hall

Sat May 23

Legion of Mary (meeting)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00noon

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Yoga beginner class

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

R. C.I.A (Mandarin)

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m.

6:00pm Family Rosary & Potluck

Place: Office Building, Upper Hall

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Lower Hall

Faith Sharing Group (Arbour Lake)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Contact: Grace Chan 403-208-1806

Sat May 24

Fr. Joseph Birthday Blessing Sunday School and Youth Group

Time: 10:00 a.m. Mass

R. C.I.A (Cantonese and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Office Building

Young Adults World Youth Daysmeeting

Time: 11:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Family Rosary

Time: 12:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Stories Faith Sharing

Elimelech and the Blessing

A Bracha, (a blessing), what is a blessing? We Jewish people have been making blessings for thousands of years. But what is a blessing. Are we giving a blessing to G-d for what he has given us?

When we give a blessing to a friend, it's like wishing that good things should happen to him. Is this the same towards G-d? Can we do such a thing? What is it that G-d lacks, that our blessing can do something?

To answer these questions, there is a famous story about Rabbi Elimelech, the Rabbi of Lesinsk who lived about two hundred years ago. Another Rabbi came to visit Rabbi Elimelech, who was known far and wide for being a Tzaddik (a pure and righteous man).

As they sat together conversing, the visiting Rabbi, who was a distinguished scholar, yet did not achieve the level of holiness and saintliness that Rabbi Elimelech had reached, asked

"Tell me, Rabbi Elimelech, we both are scholars, well versed in the Jewish law. Yet you have reached a level of saintliness and holiness far beyond me. Explain to me, please, what is the difference between us? What is it that you possess that I don't?" Rabbi Elimelech pointed to the bowl of fruit, set before them on the table. "When you want to eat an apple, do you make a blessing to G-d?"

"Certainly I do!" the visiting Rabbi answered. "Ah, that's the difference. You see, when I want to make a blessing to G-d, I eat an

apple. When you want to eat an apple you first make a blessing. That is the difference." What this story is coming to tell us is that blessing is a method that we can use to become close to the creator of the world. True, it thanks him for His goodness. But it can also bring us to a higher level of consciousness in being aware of G-d. The visiting Rabbi used the blessing to thank G-d for His goodness, which is quite acceptable and commendable. But Rabbi Elimelech used the blessing in a different way. He used it to get close to G-d. The apple was just a medium for being able to do this. We too, when the opportunity comes for making a blessing, we can use it to increase our awareness of the Supreme Power of the universe. The more blessings that we make, the more we can increase our awareness. That's the point of making a blessing. It is like we do something for G-d; we cause him to be with us down here on earth instead of hidden up there in the heavens.

Read More Know More

The Pentecost Novena

IN THE YEAR 1879

Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical on the Holy Spirit, in which he ordains that a novena should be held throughout the Church in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

It is the desire of the Supreme Pontiff that all the faithful should unite in imploring a new abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, since it is only through this divine Spirit that the blessings of redemption can be brought to the world.

When Jesus lived as a man He could only be touched and seen and known by as many as humanly possible. By sending His Spirit He could be present, in Spirit, to all, at all times.

The Holy Spirit speaks to you in your thoughts. He prompts or speaks to you in your language, using your grammar and the words you are familiar with and use daily.

These thoughts or promptings that come from the Holy Spirit are so natural that unless you are sensitive to His promptings you could easily ignore them or not recognize them as important.

A Novena to the Holy Spirit is the most excellent of all novenas and most

appropriate for our times, to give new impetus to devotion to the Holy Spirit. During these nine days reflection on the Holy Spirit, you will pray, meditate, contemplate, ponder, concentrate, reflect, use your imagination and listen.

by Father Tom Euteneuer

主日分享

耶穌升天節

今天我們慶祝耶穌升天節，結束耶穌一系列的顯現。在宗徒大事錄中，路加說耶穌受難以後，四十天之久顯現給門徒們，以表示自己還活著，而後被接升天。今天的第一篇讀經，是宗徒大事錄記載的耶穌升天的故事。其他兩篇經文，也談到升天：在致厄弗所人書中，保祿引用了一段談到“升天”的聖詠；瑪爾谷福音的結束篇，則記述耶穌在升天前的最後一次顯現，並提及耶穌被提升天。

在瑪爾谷福音中，耶穌把傳教使命托付給十一宗徒後，便立刻升天。這是一項超越人力的巨大使命。耶穌對門徒們說：“你們往普天下去，向一切受造物宣傳福音。”

耶穌是向加里肋亞的一小撮人，也就是大羅馬帝國中一小群微不足道的人民；向十一位沒有具備任何才能的普通人，托付此項往普天下去，向一切受造物宣傳福音的任務。

事實上，聖神降臨後，宗徒們遂開始去實現這使命，即按照耶穌的吩咐，先向耶路撒冷，而後向猶大、撒瑪黎雅，直到地極去傳教。設想這樣的一個計劃，似乎真的太大膽，但是這個使命實現了。宗徒們開始的這工程，而後由他們的繼任人繼續，如此耶穌托付給門徒的使命便通過世世代代往前推進。

今天這使命還未結束。它要求我們的合作，也要求我們祈禱。雖然如此，我們不應該自負，自以為我們是耶穌托付給宗徒們使命的實現者，倒是應該只感到自己是這使命的卑微工具。或更好說，耶穌本人能通過我們而實現祂那直達地極的救恩工程

節錄自梵蒂岡廣播電台講稿

2015 奉獻生活年

教會的新娘形象

獻身生活中淨配的含義有其特別的重要性。它喚醒教會的責任是全然專注地忠於她的淨配、一切美善的來源。獻身生活中這層淨配的含義本為一切人，但對女性來說，其意義更為特殊，她們能從中找到某種女性的認同，好似發現了她們與主的關係上的獨有特質。新約中的一段記載呈現此生動的標記，即聖母和宗徒在樓房上熱心祈禱，等待聖神。在此我們看到教會的新娘形象，全心專注於新郎，等著接受祂的贈禮。在伯鐸及其他宗徒身上，主要產生的是結果實；藉著在教會內的職務成為聖神的工具，透過講道、舉行聖事和牧靈的照顧，為教會產生新的子女。在聖母身上，淨配善於接納的性質則特別顯明；教會便是從這個層面，以全然貞潔的生活，在其自身內讓天主的生命結出果實。獻身生活一向都以聖母為例——童貞與新娘。這份童貞之愛是一種特有果實的泉源，它養育著人心中的天主之愛。獻身者步武童貞聖母、新厄娃的芳蹤，藉著對聖言的接納而產生靈性的果實；以自身無條件的獻身和生活見證，貢獻於新人類的開展。如此，教會便充分地揭示了她的母性；一方面傳遞委托給伯鐸的恩寵，一方面則像聖母那樣，信賴接受天主的恩賜。天主子民在聖職的服務中找到救恩的方法；而在獻身生活裡則找到原動力，以各種不同形式的基督徒的服務，作一完全而充滿愛的回應。

新聞及其他

教宗方濟各第 49 屆世界社會傳播日(5 月 17 日)

主題是：“家庭溝通：在不求回報的愛中相遇的有利環境”。這篇文告以家庭為核心，指出家庭是我們學習溝通的首要場所。教宗指出，母親與孩子接觸是人人共有的最初的溝通經驗。在家庭內我們學會說話，學習使用言詞。祈禱，“溝通的宗教幅度”也是藉著家庭而傳遞的。在家庭內我們領會到溝通的真正意義，

它使我們發現近人並彼此建立關係。此外，家庭應成為一所彼此寬恕的學校，因為我們在家庭內的彼此相愛中，體驗到自己和他人的限度。教宗指出，在一個被說三道四和流言蜚語所腐蝕的世界中，家庭能夠成為一所受祝福的溝通學校。即使仇恨和暴力時會佔上風，家庭也會受偏見和怨恨所左右而彼此分裂，在那個時候，祝福、探訪和款待便成了見證的途徑；表明為教育子女相親相愛，善永遠行得通。

教宗最後指出，美好的家庭懂得溝通，見證男人與女人，父母與子女關係的美和富饒。我們的奮鬥不是要維護過去，而是在每日所處的環境中憑著耐心和信賴工作，建設未來。

詳細內容請參閱梵帝岡電台網址

堂區活動

援助尼泊爾災民

加拿大天主教促進發展與和平組織 CCOOP 已經發出呼籲捐款，以幫助尼泊爾災民。捐款方法：

—請以現金或支票抬頭“OLPH”，附註“Nepal”，放入信封內(請寫上捐獻信封號碼，或姓名及地址)，然後放進主日奉獻籃內。捐款數目將加入堂區發給你的年終捐獻報稅收條總額內。

—直接寄支票到教區中心，支票抬頭“RC Diocese of Calgary”附註：“Nepal”
地址：120 17th Ave S.W., Calgary, AB.
T2S 2T2

—教友也可作網上捐獻，詳情請參閱 <https://www.dev.org/en/civircrm/contribute/transaction?reset=1&id=13> 網頁。

多謝大家伸出援手，慷慨解囊並為尼泊爾祈禱！願主祝福你們！

永援聖母堂堂區牧民議會

平信徒委員選舉

本堂堂區牧民議會(以下簡稱「堂委會」)各委員的任期將於本年底屆滿。阮神父聯同堂委員議決於本年十一月一日(星期日)舉行委員選舉。本堂現已開始接受提名，提名表格可在聖堂正門及側門入口處索取。堂區各善會可提名會員參選，堂區教友可提名另一教友或自我提名參選。所有被提名者(參選人)必須簽署參選同意書。填妥

的提名表格及參選同意書需於本年九月二十日(星期五)前或當日，在辦公時間內以密件方式交回堂區辦事處。

會章 4.2 節說明作為一個堂委會委員所需具備的條件，現轉載如下：

- 已在本堂區註冊的教友
- 已年滿十八歲
- 願意完成堂委會兩年的任期
- 不標榜自己，認同團隊精神，樂意與其他委員合作
- 願意出席及服務堂委會及屬下小組
- 願意出席拓展牧靈及行政管理的訓練課程或訓練營

有關區委會的會章及則例，教友可參閱放在聖堂後面的佈告板，或登入堂區網頁瀏覽。

家庭玫瑰經聚會

五月是聖母月，教會鼓勵信友在這聖母月多誦念玫瑰經。堂區福傳組誠意邀請各位代父母，代子女及聖堂各位兄弟姊妹踴躍參加五月二十四日(星期日)中午十二時三十分至下午二時在上禮堂舉行的家庭玫瑰經聚會。歡迎堂區所有代父母及代子女參加。是日特備午餐招待。

早餐交流會

為促進堂區教友情誼，永援聖母堂公教家庭特設早餐交流會。

日期：五月卅一日(星期日)

時間：八時三十分彌撒後有茶點招待，十時及十一時半彌撒後有精美中式早餐供應(清湯牛腩河/雞肉湯河)

地點：卡城永援聖母堂上禮堂

購票：費用每位五元，由即日起在聖物部購買。

祈望各教友攜同親友踴躍參加。

2015 教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

主題是「藉可忠信那位的許諾，堅持著不動搖的希望。」希伯來書 10 章 23 節，截至 4 月 12 日，捐款已累積至 9,260 元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處索取。就讓我們立即行動，慷慨解囊！

活動一週

星期三、五 20, 22

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午 9 時至正午 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期五 22

永援聖母堂童軍

時間：晚上 6 時 30 分至 8 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂及下禮堂

星期六 23

聖母軍(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

時間：早上 9 時 45 分

楊式太極班

時間：上午 10 時至 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

瑜珈初班

時間：下午 2 時至下午 3 時 15 分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

成人慕道班(國語)

時間：下午 2 時 30 分至 5 時

6 時家庭玫瑰經聚會及 Poltluck

地點：寫字樓大廈，上禮堂

大專青年團練習聖詩

時間：下午 5 時至 7 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

信仰小團體 (Arbour Lake)

時間：晚上 7 時 30 分至 10 時

聯絡：Grace Chan 403-208-1806

星期日 24

阮神父祝福生日的主日學及

青年會會員

時間：10 時彌撒

成人慕道班(粵語及英語)

時間上午 9 時 30 分至 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間：上午 10 時至 12 時 30 分

地點：寫字樓大廈，聖堂騎士會室

大專青年團世界青年節開會

時間：上午 11 時至 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

家庭玫瑰經聚會

時間：下午 12 時 30 分至 2 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂會

這麼多的苦難沒有擊倒他們，因為他們心中有愛，他們是天主揀選的子民。沒電的夜晚，山谷中迴盪著整齊、響亮的聲音，夜夜玫瑰經迴響遍山谷，在天搖地動之後，教友村民首先完成天主堂屋頂的修護，因為教堂才是他們的主臥室，在路通之後見到首位神父的到來，淚流滿面稱「您是我們的耶穌」！去外地讀書的學生，背著米和重要物件、字條爬回家園，若成功回去，米可與家人共享；若遭不幸，可讓別人知道這身軀是何許人。當提及你們還需要什麼時，回答是這樣的：「教堂已成危樓，我們把旁邊的臨時鐵架當聖堂，我們要『感恩祭典』、唸珠、蠟燭、以及『輕歌聲讚主榮』……。」

知多一點點

聖神九日敬禮

聖父、聖子及聖神

因為我們所相信的唯一的天主是三位，父、子及聖神。我們向父、向耶穌祈禱；聖神在我們的經驗中，沒有明確的經驗。這種沒有明確的經驗也影響我們與父、子的關係，如三角鼎缺一角。任何領了洗的教友，因水和聖神重生。不論成人或嬰兒都領受聖神，但意識都不強。在聖經中說：誰不受聖神感動，不能承認基督是主。除了承認耶穌是天主外，如何在靈修或生活中活出來？聖神也扶助了我們的軟弱，幫助我們心中呼喊阿爸。領洗的教友，沒有人不唸天主經的。但唸天主經和從心中體會到而呼喊阿爸，體會到自己是天主的子女是有一段距離。當我們聖神充滿，我們對天主聖三、經驗天主是三位一體的經驗加強。

在彌撒信友禱詞的代禱中，好像有口無心的為世界、我們同聲祈禱；也好像公式化。代禱實在是在天主、在耶穌基督內血脈流通。憑信德非憑所看到的。我們基督徒不但有為教會代禱的責任，因為我們相信耶穌基督；我們也有責任為全世界的人祈禱，因為我們好像是祂的代表，有人不認識祂，但是他們還是需要耶穌。天國好

比一個教會，可能我們看不到，但我們相信祂在聖神內，有祂的能力和作用。

王敬弘神父

靈修小故事

離天國最近的地方

台灣武界村，一個小小布農族的村落。在經歷大地震之後一個月，電話線路還未修復，電視機只是裝飾品，沒有畫面，水源也因地層的改變，山泉不再涓涓不息，又逢休耕時期……，