

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Living in a Spirit of Unity The Holy Spirit is often times the least recognized person of the Trinity. He seems more mysterious to us and harder to grasp. However, on this great Feast of Pentecost, let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and how He unites all of us in the Church. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a doctor of the church, says "All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God." There are two beautiful impacts of this statement.

Firstly, this means that all the baptized are bound together as one. How often do we perceive this sense of unity in our own parish? As stewards, we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners. Let us go out of our way to meet one new family at the parish this week as a sign of this commitment to unity.

The second implication in St. Cyril's words is that this is not a mere human club or group. Rather, we are connected to one another "and with God." Our unity is essentially rooted in God Himself. This elevates our community to one that is truly divine, and as a divine community, we should strive to eliminate all anger and unforgiveness that may exist between us. These vices run the risk of wearing away at the life and joy of our parish. Let us strive to make amends with anyone in the parish who has wronged us so that a spirit of stewardship may continue to flourish among us.

On this feast day of Pentecost let us reflect on the words of St. Cyril of Alexandria who says that those who've received the Holy Spirit are "in a sense blended together with one another and with God." We are firstly connected to one another and so as stewards we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners. Secondly, we are all connected with God, so we should strive to forgive those who've hurt us in order to foster a divine community free of all anger and resentment.

Taken from excerpts of the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE ON THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

In our Catholic devotional life, Holy Mother Church, for many centuries now, has assigned special devotions to each month of the year to help us grow closer to the Lord and advance along the path of holiness. May, of course, is the month dedicated entirely to the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy. Let me begin my reflection by highlighting the inspiring words of Pope St. Paul VI with respect to this extraordinary month of grace: "The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin

Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." Consequently, we intentionally and wholeheartedly honour, celebrate and venerate the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, who was entrusted to us by Our Lord on the Cross as our spiritual Mother and entrusted us to her as her beloved children (cf. Jn 19:25-27)... for complete message, please visit:
www.archtoronto.org

Pentecost Sunday

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Happy Victoria Day Weekend!
Wishing you all a safe and wonderful long weekend!

FUNDRAISING EVENT!

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

after all Masses in the Lower Hall

COME JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



consisting of pancakes and sausages including bottomless coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

All for price of \$10.00 for Adults & \$5.00 for Children.

Top off your breakfast with a delicious dessert that you will be able to purchase from our BAKE SALE!



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