

“Love One Another” Is Not A Suggestion

A Prayer Service for Healing & Unity

June 4, 2020

St. Viator Catholic Community Mission Statement:

We, the people of St. Viator Catholic Community,

Inspired by the Lord Jesus Christ and our patron,

Welcome diversity,

Encourage stewardship,

Celebrate faith, and

Serve God and our neighbor

Reading –

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul wrote:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:28)

Then his first letter to the Corinthians included this great passage:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.”

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. (1 Cor. 12:12-26)

Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daGWdbrSGBM> “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace” (Prayer of St. Francis), Dutchforward

Gospel –

On the night before he died, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and said:

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (JN 13:34-35)

REFLECTION Fr. Rinn

INTERCESSIONS

Please respond, "God, send us your peace."

For the souls of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor – and for their families -- we pray to the Lord.

For all victims of violence, we pray to the Lord.

For the easing of tensions in our country, we pray to the Lord.

That we may accept those who look different from us like Jesus would accept them, we pray to the Lord.

That those who protest actions or policies in our country do so nonviolently, we pray to the Lord.

For the recovery of Metro Officer Mikalonis, we pray to the Lord.

For those who protect us, that they perform their jobs in a professional, compassionate manner – and return home safely -- we pray to the Lord.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Each week during our Sunday Mass, we included rotating prayers for tolerance. Each of those prayers are ways that we can make a difference:

Our words and actions should reflect the Christian love Jesus said we must show everyone.

Our words and actions should help bring an end to the hatred and bigotry we see and not encourage it.

We should extend Christ's peace to all and not allow words or actions of hatred in our presence.

PRAYER & BLESSING – Fr. Rinn

Prayer of St. John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ –
you who are called the Prince of Peace,
and so often said, "Peace to you" –
grant us peace.

Make all men and women
witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING