

"I GIVE PRAISE TO YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN  
AND EARTH, FOR ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE  
THINGS FROM THE WISE AND THE LEARNED, YOU HAVE  
REVEALED THEM TO THE CHILDLIKE." MT 11:25



**NATIVITY**  
OF OUR LORD

**February 12, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## "THE DOCTOR IS IN"



In the seven weeks of "ordinary time," in between our contemplation of Jesus as a divine Child at Christmas and Jesus as our Lord and Savior in the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter, the Church puts before our eyes the figure of Jesus the "Divine Physician." Without wanting to sound cheeky, I am reminded of the Peanuts Cartoon where Lucie hangs out her sign: "The Doctor is In." The Church also says to us this season, "The Divine Physician is in and he desires to heal you."

While we may be less familiar with Jesus under the title of doctor or physician, the Gospels give us many vivid accounts of people trusting in Jesus' capacity to physically

and spiritually heal their infirmities. This week we heard of people carrying their sick all over the countryside on stretchers in search of Jesus hoping he would heal them (Mark 6), and we are all familiar with the story of friends tearing apart the roof of a house just to get their sick loved one close to Jesus. Those close to him believed Jesus to be a unique physician, capable of healing not only physical wounds but also spiritual ones. Jesus himself understood his mission to be a sort of healer of the body and above all the spirit: "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mark 2:17).

On February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church celebrates the **31st World Day of the Sick**. The late Saint John Paul II established this celebration in 1992 to draw attention to the sick and their caregivers and highlight the redemptive value of human suffering. On this special day we are all invited to pray for and to visit with the sick, as well to offer one's suffering and illnesses for the good of the Church. This day also serves as a reminder to see in our sick brother or sister "the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind" (Saint John Paul II, Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1992).

**What does it mean to be sick?** To be sick means to have an illness and to suffer in either body, mind, or spirit. It is the experience of being powerless and limited. For some, illness can lead to anguish, despair, and self-absorption, and even revolt against God. For others, it can be a privileged path toward God. While we often associate sickness with the physical realm, we can become "spiritually" sick by following sinful and evil ways which lead us to become slaves of certain sinful behaviors. For example, we often reduce our true search for happiness to the mundane and superficial idols of power, pleasure, prestige, material goods, and distractions. This is a sign of spiritual sickness. The good news that comes to light

on the World Day of the Sick is that Jesus, the Divine Physician, was sent by God the Father into the world to heal us who have been disfigured by the mystery of original sin and our everyday personal sin.

Since I arrived in Broomfield a little more than a year ago, I have accompanied, visited, and celebrated sacraments for the elderly, sick, homebound, and hospitalized in the many nursing and senior living facilities and hospitals in our parish boundaries. Recently I have begun a full-time program called Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood where I receive the formation for hospital chaplains. Almost every day I am in front of the mystery of illness and suffering.

In the training I am receiving in regard to the role and responsibilities of the hospital chaplain, I have been particularly struck by what occurs when we are paged to the emergency department. When a major emergency is called into the hospital within a few seconds a page gets sent to all the necessary specialists and nurses that will form the team that will treat the patient, including the hospital chaplain.

When I arrive at the emergency department, a team of 10 and 15 doctors and nurses and specialists have been mobilized to receive the patient arriving by ambulance or helicopter. I always like to pray for the patient and their loved ones during my quick walk to the emergency department while waiting for their arrival. I believe this is one of the unique gifts I can offer to the team and the patient in addition to accompanying the family when they arrive. I am discovering that chaplains have a special role to play that is complimentary to the medical care in our care for the whole person and their needs.

Every time I have to respond to an emergency call or just visit a patient, I am reminded of my own sickness and infinite need to be accompanied and healed. Although I pray that I bring the presence of Christ with me, I also ask that Christ come to meet and embrace me through the patient.

Please humor me as I make an analogy with Jesus the Divine Physician! When I am wounded by my own personal sin, through the sin of others, or by the contemporary culture, the Divine Physician is immediately paged and makes haste to me, asking permission to heal my wounds. The Divine Physician comes to meet me wherever I am assisted by his "medical team," the angels and saints. I am consoled that Jesus the Divine Physician is always extending his healing hand to me.

On either side of the door to the chaplain's office, there are two wonderful images that often provoke me whenever I walk by them. On the right side of the door, there is the image of the Divine Mercy icon received by St. Faustina Kowalska, and on the left, a beautiful painting of the Resurrected Jesus beside a door. I am always reminded of the verse from the Book of Revelation: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in and visit and dine with him, and he with me*" (3:20). This painting reminds me that the Doctor is always present and all I have to do is ask him to come and he will heal me with his love and mercy.

Fr. John Roderick, FSCB

## DAILY READINGS

### Saturday, February 11

1st Reading: Gn 3:9-24

Psalm: Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13

Gospel: Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday, February 12

1st Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

### Monday, February 13

1st Reading: Gn 4:1-15, 25

Psalm: Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21

Gospel: Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 14

**Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk,  
and Methodius, Bishop**

1st Reading: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

Psalm: Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10

Gospel: Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 15

1st Reading: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22

Psalm: Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Gospel: Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday, February 16

1st Reading: Gn 9:1-13

Psalm: Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23

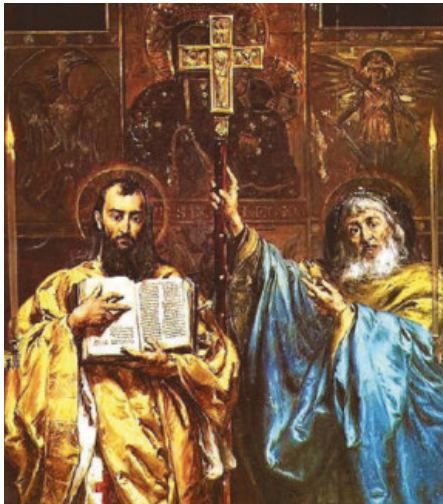
Gospel: Mk 8:27-33

### Friday, February 17

1st Reading: Gn 11:1-9

Psalm: Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Gospel: Mk 8:34—9:1



## Memorial of SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, and METHODIUS, BISHOP Thursday, Feb 14

*"However tired and physically worn out I am, I will go with joy to that land; with joy I depart for the sake of the Christian faith." (Saint Cyril)*

## MASS INTENSIONS

### Saturday, February 11

9:30 Nativity Teachers & Staff  
by Schowe Family

4:30 † Catherine Reuter  
by Mary Ann and Ken Cole

### Sunday, February 12

7:30 † Robert Worsley  
by Mark & Kathy Norby

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Alan Coleman and Doris Coleman  
by Marcy Coleman

5:00 † Rocky & Joyce Martinez  
by Gloria J. Martinez

### Monday, February 13

7:00 † Agapito Abeyta  
by Philip & Eloise Georgen

9:30 † Mary Sheldon by Debbie Sheldon

### Tuesday, February 14

7:00 † Robert Diehl by Sharon Diehl

9:30 † Amy Westerbrook  
by Peggy & Dennis Severson

### Wednesday, February 15

7:00 † Yvonne Holman by Paul Van Houdt

9:30 Santo Bevelacqua by Roberta Hebert

### Thursday, February 16

7:00 † Gerald & Mary Coufal

9:30 † Ed Atkinson by Debbie Sheldon

### Friday, February 17

7:00 † John Van Houdt by Paul Van Houdt

9:30 Choir Members of Nativity

### Saturday, February 18

9:30 † Anthony J. Le by Tu Nguyen

4:30 † Robert Worsley by Ondish Family

### Sunday, February 19

7:30 † Dorothy Rodosevich  
by Mike & Sue Walker

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 † David Strasburger by Family

5:00 † Sharon Barney by Mary Barry



## WORLD DAY of the SICK Saturday, Feb 11

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 12

8:30 am | CL

9:30 am | Children's Mass

11:00 am | RCIA

6:00 pm | High School Youth Group (GS)

### Monday, February 13

10:00 am | ENDOW

10:00 am | Women's Guild Meeting

1:00 pm | CGS 1 Level I and II

3:15 pm | Chess Club

4:00 pm | CGS 2 Level II

6:30 pm | Biblical School

6:30 pm | New Springtime Prayer Group

6:45 pm | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

### Tuesday, February 14

10:00 am | CGS 3 Level I Sess 1

1:00 pm | Adult Bible Study

4:00 pm | CGS 4 Level I Sess 2

6:30 pm | Adult CCC

6:30 pm | RE

6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star

7:30 pm | CLU (CL University Students)

### Wednesday, February 15

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

8:15 am | ENDOW

12:15 pm | Gospel of Matthew Study Group

4:30 pm | RE

6:15 pm | Boy Scouts Tr. 766

6:15 pm | Divorce Support Group

6:15 pm | RE Parents/Students Pizza Night

6:30 pm | Baptism Class

### Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm | Evening Rosary Makers

6:30 pm | Gospel of Matthew Study Group

6:30 pm | Spring Marriage Preparation

7:30 pm | CL

### Friday, February 17

7:30 am | Men's Moean Bible Study

9:00 am | ENDOW

6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group

7:00 pm | Teen Star/Fr. Emanuele

### Saturday, February 18

8:00 am | CL

8:00 am | Marian Cenacle

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

10:00 am | Grief Ministry Workshop

5:00 pm | CL

### SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Marilyn Reichert

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Monday, 2/13 - 10:00 am

Tom Green

Bob Johnson

Cathy Suppes

Ron Riedl

WHO  
AM I  
THAT YOU  
CARE  
FOR ME?

2023

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Exhibits  
Meetings  
Educational Activities

Who  
Am I?

A presentation with  
Fr. Michael Carvill

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A presentation of *The Religious Sense*, a seminal work by Fr. Luigi Giussani on the occasion of its new translation, with greetings by **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, Archbishop of New York, and a conversation with **Fr. Michael Carvill**, US coordinator of Communion and Liberation, and **John Cavadini**, director of McGrath

Institute for Church Life at University of Notre Dame, moderated by **John Zucchi**, professor of history at McGill University, translator of *The Religious Sense*

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The book will be available after the Encounter in the Human Adventure Bookstore.

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**NATIVITY**  
FAITH & REASON



*Thank you!*

This week was a great reminder of the value of Catholic Education, and the beauty of Nativity: Faith & Reason.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of sponsors, attendees, donors, auction participants, and committee members, we surpassed our goal of \$200,000 to support the school and the many investments shared at the Gala. The final tallies are still coming in, but our current gross estimate is \$287,367!

Please continue to pray that our school grows and that we can serve all of the children who are looking for a strong, healthy, and safe place to learn.

## SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a part time 3rd–5th grade Spanish teacher (10 teaching hours a week) for the last quarter of the school year at Nativity: Faith & Reason.

Contact: [s.calvino@nool.us](mailto:s.calvino@nool.us)

We are wrapped up an exciting Catholic Schools week. Each day of this week, we honored a group in our community that gives our school its identity. Without our teachers, parents, students, donors, or grandparents, the school could not exist. Despite the busyness of the week, I find that every year I appreciate this week because it draws my focus to the people I am surrounded by every day but often do not notice. As Catholics, our worldview rejects an individualist notion of existence and claims that reality is only really seen through community. Our school's celebration of Catholic Schools Week draws us into this reality of community that points to the reality of God.

Even if you have not attended our Gala this weekend, please consider supporting by making a donation online through our website. Due to strong success in fundraising over the last years, we have been able to expand, improve our facilities, and have more renovations on the horizon. Thank you for your support of the school.

Sebastian



*"At Nativity, our kids learn that God doesn't just exist on Sundays. Christ is at the center of what they do every day at school and the way that they learn, and He is an integral part of their lives because of Nativity."*  
– Nativity parent



# R.E. PARENT/KID PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday, Feb 15  
6:15–7:30 pm Cabrini Hall

All R.E. Parents & Kids  
In-person & Homeschool

**Come & See!**

**RSVP**

by Mon, Feb 13 to [d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us)



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

February 22–April 2, 2023

The 40 Days for Life spring campaign kick-off event will be Sunday, Feb 19 at 2:00 pm at the **Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center, 2334 N. Broadway, Ste. D, Boulder**. This will be a great opportunity to visit and tour the pregnancy center where lives are saved. The center accepts donations of clothes and goods for their clients. At this time, the center is in need of:

- **New baby clothes**
- **Preemies to 2T or 3T, especially boys**
- **Preemie diapers**
- **Size 5 and 6 booties and socks**
- **Baby product and baby care products (nail kits, lotions, shampoos, etc.)**

A group from Nativity goes to the Boulder abortion clinic on **Tuesday mornings** to pray outside. **We carpool from Nativity at 8:00 am and return around 10:15 am**. All are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, please contact **Eloise and Phil Georgen**  
**303-469-8156** or [eegptg@msn.com](mailto:eegptg@msn.com)

## HEAD SACRISTAN JOB OPENING

Nativity is currently accepting applications for full-time Parish Sacristan. This position is responsible for managing the sacristy and requires working five mornings during weekdays and most weekends and Days of Obligation.

If interested, please see the full job description at

**[NOOL.US/LATEST-NEWS/SACRISTAN](http://NOOL.US/LATEST-NEWS/SACRISTAN)**

or by using the QR code below.

With questions, contact

**Fr. Emanuele**  
**[e.fadini@nool.us](mailto:e.fadini@nool.us)**



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Monastery  
of Walburga



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*The trip together, the divine experience of the liturgy of the hours, the silence, the whole atmosphere of the monastery, and the encounter with one of the cloister nuns, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will favor our inner recollection and openness to Christ our Savior. It will be the opportune way to embark on a fruitful journey of Lent.*

Fr. Emanuele

[www.nool.us/high-school](http://www.nool.us/high-school)



## WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

**Monday, Feb 13, 10:00 am,  
with White Elephant exchange**

Please join us at the next Women's Guild meeting. The Nativity Women's Guild promotes fellowship and service opportunities for the women of the parish. We meet bi-monthly and consist of committees which provide a diversity of services in the parish and community. **All are welcome!**



## SPANISH PRAYER GROUP

The group will not meet on the week of February 13. Starting Monday, February 20, the group will resume, with regular meetings scheduled for **MONDAYS** from **6:30 to 9:00 pm** in the **Conference Room**.

## TIME OUT FOR FRIENDSHIP PLAY DATE

**February 15 at the Paul Derda Rec center at 9:30 am**  
Children 3 and under are free to play in the indoor play area.  
For questions, call **Anne Gray, 303-910-4521**.

## SAMARITAN HOUSE DONATIONS

Samaritan House Community in Denver focuses primarily on serving women, families, and veterans who are seeking safe shelter, nutritious food, and supportive life services. There is an **URGENT NEED** of the following:

- all hygiene items (preferred small or travel sizes of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lip balm, and body lotion)
- feminine hygiene products
- bath and hand towels
- new women's underwear (larger sizes)
- new women's bras (all sizes)
- warm clothing (sweatshirts, sweat pants, coats for men, women, and children all sizes)
- shoes (boots, shower)

Please bring the **NEW** items to the parish office and they will be delivered by one of our SH weekly volunteers.

Please contact **Tammie Donohoe** if you have any questions, [tammie.donohoe@gmail.com](mailto:tammie.donohoe@gmail.com).

# TOTUS TUUS

2023

## SUMMER CATECHETICAL EXPERIENCE

GRADES 1-6:

JUNE 26-30, 9 am-2:30 pm

GRADES 7-12:

JUNE 25-29, 7-9 pm



Contact:

Diane Irby, [d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us), 303-731-0425

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK BY ARCHBISHOP AQUILA

**Sunday, February 12th, 12:30 pm  
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**

The principal celebrant is the **Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver**. The Mass will include **anointing of the sick and a special blessing for caregivers**. Mass is sponsored by the Order of Malta. The Order will provide holy water from Lourdes and prayer cards. They will also have petition cards for mass participants to complete. The Order will deliver the cards to Lourdes during this year's pilgrimage. Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick and this year the celebration coincides with the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## MARISOL HEALTH: NOW HIRING

Marisol Health is hiring! Marisol Health is a ministry within Catholic Charities providing life-affirming medical care and social services to our patients and families. Our mission-driven team is looking for support at our front desk at our Marisol Health clinics on our on-call team. We are seeking an outgoing, organized, and welcoming personality.

If you are interested, please contact **Sara Lugo at Slugo@marisolservices.com**.

## PILGRIMAGE INVITATION WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JULIA GREELEY Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10 am-3 pm

Please Join Us for a Lenten Pilgrimage: Walking in the Footsteps of Julia Greeley

This Pilgrimage honoring Denver's Secret Angel of the Poor will travel 22 miles by commercial tour bus to the candidate for canonization's tomb in Immaculate Conception Cathedral Basilica, by way of 17 sites known to have been frequented by her, with longer stops at her boarding house, Sacred Heart Church, and the Cathedral.

At each site, and often in between, Fr. Blaine will give information on Julia's life and virtues.

Seating is limited, tickets are \$100/per pilgrim. To reserve your seats please visit:

<https://cpma.ejoinme.org/juliagreeley>  
or call **303-477-5436**.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On February 11, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are reminded of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to a young French peasant girl Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879), who is now known as St. Bernadette. Today, millions of pilgrims visit the Lourdes Grotto each year. The feast day is also celebrated as the World Day of the Sick. While 70 miracles have been officially documented by the Lourdes Medical Bureau, numerous pilgrims often find physical as well as spiritual healings.

Another miracle is the story of Jewish author Franz Werfel (1890-1945). Franz was born in Prague and later lived in Austria. He and his wife needed to flee from the Nazis after the German annexation of Austria. Franz and his wife hid in southern France in Lourdes. Werfel swore if he and his wife escaped the Nazis, he would tell Bernadette's story. When Werfel came to America, he kept his promise and penned *The Song of Bernadette* which was translated into English in 1942.

How do we help the sick in our families and communities? A modern example is Nick Brucker. Nick was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer in 2020. He was only given a 10 percent chance of surviving his cancer. Not sure what his future held, Nick purchased his dream Shelby Mustang. Nick beat the odds, and now helps others fighting cancer with rides to chemo in his classic sports car.

Hard times fall on families and individuals. See how our Nativity chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) assists those in need. Check out our Flocknote service at [nool.flocknote.com/svdp](https://nool.flocknote.com/svdp) for meeting times and updates.





# RADICAL INCLUSION REQUIRES RADICAL LOVE

By Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila | February 1, 2023



I have written of my concerns in the past with the German Synodal Process, as well as concerns with other bishops and cardinals and their take on the process. They essentially ignore the often repeated words of Pope Francis, that in the synodal process, there must be a deep listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and charity that keeps us firmly attached to Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has made it clear that the synod on synodality is not about changing long standing Church teaching and is not a democratic or parliamentary process.

In a recent article (<https://www.americamagazine.org/fait/2023/01/24/mcelroy-synodality-inclusion-244587>), my brother bishop, Cardinal Robert McElroy, laid out a vision of the church in the context of synodality calling for “radical inclusion.” According to His Eminence, the Church “contains structures and cultures of exclusion.” He then goes on to speak about categories of people who are systematically excluded from the life of the Church. [...]

There is much that could be addressed, but I would like to focus on putting Jesus Christ first and the joy that flows from adhering to the Gospel. Staying attached to Jesus Christ the “vine” is essential for the Lord tells us, “Apart from me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5). Similarly, the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, “Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. **For the sake of the joy that lay before him Jesus endured the cross...**” (Heb 12:1b–2, emphasis mine). [...]

Indeed, in the encounter with the rich young man (cf. Mk 10:17–22), Jesus demands radical discipleship from the young man, and he lets him refuse and walk away. Furthermore, Jesus lays out the cost of discipleship as denying oneself, and even family, for the sake of the Gospel (cf. Lk 9:23–26; Mt 16:24–25; Lk 14:25–27). And, just as he was not received by everyone, he reminded his disciples as he sent them out if people did not receive the message of the Gospel to simply “shake the dust from your feet” (Mt 10:14), not wishing them ill but turning them over to the Lord. Finally, many disciples left Jesus because of his teaching on the Bread of Life, (cf. Jn 6:66) and he goes even so far as to ask the apostles if they want to leave (cf. Jn 6:67). Jesus never waters down his teaching, nor does he appeal to conscience; he gives testimony to the truth (cf. Jn 18:37). [...]

[...] We must ponder in our hearts if the real reason for our empty pews is that we have not stayed attached to the vine. Our dropping attendance may be a fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that if we do not stay attached to him, we will wither (cf. Jn 15:1–6). Those Christian communities who have tried inclusion to the exclusion of sin only divide more and their pews are still empty.

I must admit that if I thought the way some of my brothers think I would have left the Church long ago and joined another Christian community. As a college student I strayed away from the Church. The Catholic faith did not draw me as my experience was that of confessors yelling at me or trying to talk me out of my sins. The truths of the faith, even the difficult ones were not presented with charity.

It was only when I read the book in the late 1960’s by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on *The Cost of Discipleship* that I started my journey back to Christ and eventually the Catholic Church.

I began to understand what the Eucharist is and what I had left behind. I wanted the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and his mercy and forgiveness in Confession and that brought me back to the living out of my faith. It was a call to leave the values of the world behind and to have my heart and mind formed by Jesus (cf. Rom 12:2). Bonhoeffer’s distinction between “cheap grace” and “costly grace” is timely for us today.

Thankfully, the Church I know does radically include the call to every human being in all cultures. Every walk of life, every person in every condition and situation is invited into the loving embrace of Jesus and the Father, and holy mother Church. Our faith community invites all, no matter what label they’ve chosen, into our community of faith.

But the Church doesn’t stop there. She invites because she loves; and to love is to will the true good of the other. Only God’s love can move us from all the confusing identities of the world, to see that we are not the ones who decide our identity. Rather the Gospel shows that through the Father’s loving plan, each of us can become a beloved daughter or son of the Father, with our identity firmly rooted in Jesus’. [...]

The Church recognizes that someone who lives a particular way, whether it be in willing violation of natural law or some other moral category, is not in communion with the Church. As Pope Francis said so simply during an in-flight interview September 15, 2021: “This is not a penalty: you are outside. Communion is to unite the community.” This is not to condemn the person but to recognize the truth of their situation and call their immortal soul to something greater.

One of the privileges I have experienced from the very beginning of my priesthood is the invitation to accompany men, women, and children through the pangs of conversion to the wonderful life of grace that is fed by the Eucharist. Yes, the Eucharist is not for the perfect, but it is for those who are in communion. And it is not just spiritual food for all of us who have the need for regular confession, but it is also a sign of unity that belongs to those who are in a state of grace.

The call of Christ to the woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:11) is the same call Jesus makes to each of us. We are included in his company, but we are also called to turn from sin. Inclusiveness does not and cannot mean that we remain in our sins. This is because Jesus wants us to be happy. [...]

While Cardinal McElroy and I have very different visions of the state of the Church, no doubt we both desire happiness for all. His article is a reminder to me that the Church must do more to preach Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel — the joy that awaits us after we turn from sin and conform our hearts and minds to Christ. It is a joy under the weight of the cross, no doubt, but it is a joy the world cannot give. It comes from knowing we have become beloved daughters and sons of the Father, and that we are made in the image and likeness of the God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8).

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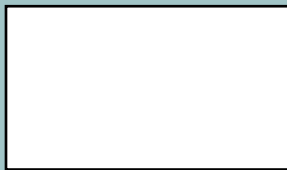

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