

October 4, 2015
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

October 5	10:30 AM	
Patricia Mendoza	SI	
October 7	2:00 PM	
Greg Short	RIP	
	6:00 PM	
Tom Olmstead	RIP	
October 8	10:30 AM	
Ellen Yang	SI	
October 9	10:30 PM	
Thomas Bhear	RIP	
October 10	5:00 PM	
Mike Sofie	RIP	
	8:30 AM	
William Walter Trigg	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Margaret Murphy-Norton	RIP	
	5:00 PM	
George Salcido	RIP	

SI = Special Intention
RIP = Rest in Peace
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish

Daily Worship
Week of October 4, 2015

Monday, October 5	Jonah 1:1 — 2:1, 11 Jonah 2:3-5, 8 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday, October 6	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 130:1b-4b, 7-8 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary	Jonah 4:1-11 Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday, October 8	Malachi 3:13-20b Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:5-13
Friday, October 9	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Luke 11:15-26
Saturday, October 10 BVM	Joel 4:12-21 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Luke 11:27-28
Sunday, October 11 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom of Solomon 7:7-11 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; He pardons all your iniquities; He heals all your ills." Ps. 103:1-2.

Our evening starts with song, prayer and a scripture reading followed by a small teaching, sharing our faith, and a quiet time listening to the Lord. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back. CLOW is offered at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses. The mission of the CLOW ministry is to celebrate Sunday scriptures with the children. We are dismissed after the opening prayer and return before Liturgy of the Eucharist. CLOW is a special ministry to our families and children. Additional prayer leaders are needed and welcomed throughout the year. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Kathy Ernst, Pastoral Associate.



EVENING PRAYER and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.

Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Tuesdays at 11:30 PM and Wednesdays at 12:30, 3:30, and 4:30 PM. If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY on Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." Ephes. 2:8-10.

All are welcome. It is quiet and confidential. Info. Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM
Stafford Room

"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." Isaiah 41:10.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, November 7 & 14 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

OUR SCHOOL

Our school and the parish share a commitment to each other; to caring about the children that have been entrusted to us; to walking the journey of life – of faith – together. The school has Mass most every Friday during the school year at 10:30. Please join us whenever you can. It means a great deal to the students and staff to have members of the parish present.

SURGE OF THE HEART PARISH MISSION

Oct. 11-13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Is October's Parish Mission on your calendar yet? If not, please join us for a three-day Catholic adventure you will never forget! We encourage everyone in the Parish to join us for a life-changing experience with international Catholic speaker, author, and radio host Jon Leonetti. Jon will give us both practical and effective ways to live, know, and grow in our Catholic faith. He will share stories of some of the greatest people to walk the planet—our saints! And he will challenge us in our personal holiness to better fall in love and stay in love with God. Jon has been featured on the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs, and radio shows and we're excited to host him here. (There is no charge, but a free will offering will be collected.)

GOT YARN?

We have a wonderful retired parishioner who pours her love and prayers into crocheting hats and blankets for Welcome Baby, the homeless, cancer patients, etc. She could really use help with her supply of yarn. If you have any leftover yarn to contribute in any amount or color (**no wool, please**), she would gratefully accept your donations and put them to good use. Please drop your donations off at the parish office. Thank you!



CUSTODIAN POSITION

Assumption Church is seeking a custodian to work a late night or early morning shift (approximately 15 hours/week) during the week. The job will include cleaning the gym floor and bathrooms every night and the parish office once a week. For further information, contact Taryn Cardwell or Karen Zuther in the Parish Office. To apply, please go to our website, www.assumption.org, for the application form.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST CALENDAR 2015 – 2016 for YEAR TWO

CANDIDATES (Year Two candidates are in grade two and above and were registered in and attending either Faith Formation classes or a Catholic School last year.)

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FALL 2015

**Saturday, October 3 ~ 10:00 AM church:
PARENT ONLY
Meeting/Registration Year 2**

Saturday, October 17 ~ First Reconciliation

Class #1 10:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, October 31 ~ First Reconciliation

Class #2 10:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, November 14 ~ First Reconciliation

Class #3 10:00 AM in the Church

(FYI the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be Monday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM)

**Saturday, January 30, 2016 ~ Retreat from
3:00 – 6:00 PM** (group will attend mass from
5:00 – 6:00 PM to end the Retreat)

FIRST EUCHARIST/WINTER AND SPRING 2016

Saturday, February 27, 2016 ~ First Eucharist

Class #1 @ 10:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, March 12 ~ First Eucharist

Class #2 @ 10:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, April 9 ~ Retreat from 3 – 6 pm
(group will attend mass from 5pm – 6pm to
end the Retreat)

PRACTICE TIMES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

For those who will be celebrating First Eucharist at the Saturday 5:00 PM or Sunday 8:30 AM masses, practice will be on Saturday, May 14 at 3:30 PM.

For those who will be celebrating First Eucharist at the Sunday 10:30 AM or 5:00 PM masses, practice will be on Sunday, May 15 at 3:30 PM.

Para aquellos que van a celebrar su Primera Comunion el domingo a las 12:30 PM en la misa de Español, su practica será el Domingo 15 de Mayo después de la misa de Español.

Saturday, May 21 @ 10:00 AM ~ PICTURE DAY (in First Eucharist attire)

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip. It is available on the first and third Sunday of each month between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM masses. Thank you for your support!

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Mark Bieda
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottnr

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Craven
Blanca Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Doris Torres
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ross Driscoll
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

ST. TERESA GROUP/ CARMELITE STUDIES

Ascent of Mt Carmel: Reflections by Fr. Marc Foley OCD, will be the book the St. Teresa group will read and discuss this year in preparation for reading The Ascent of Mt. Carmel by St. John of the Cross next year. The first meeting will be **Wed. Oct. 14** in the Stafford room at Assumption after the 6 pm Mass. All are welcome! The price of the book is \$14. For registration or information please call Christine Gubbins 671-7646 or Hope Lawrenson 733-2727

PREPARES

Prepares is designed to serve poor families who have chosen life and is a comprehensive statewide initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State. Prepares provides pregnancy and parenting support services from conception through the child's fifth birthday. Some Services provided are: Volunteer mentors for moms and dads. Support groups and classes for parents and families. Prepares traveling crib & Prepares bags. There will be an orientation meeting in the Assumption School Library on **Saturday, October 24th** at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

Join us on the path to the sunlight of the Spirit through Twelve-Step Spirituality. **Carol A. Wilson, MATS**, is a Spiritual Director, a Veriditas Certified Facilitator, and a Retreat Leader. She works primarily with Twelve-Step Spirituality, facilitating retreats, small groups, as well as individual spiritual direction.

Place: Stillpoint at Becksides Spirituality Center, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham

Time & Date: Saturday, Oct. 17, 9am-3pm

Fee: Sliding scale: \$45.00 to \$55.00. Tea and coffee provided; please bring a lunch.

Checks made out to: "Stillpoint."

Send payment to: Stillpoint, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham, WA 98226

Contact: Linda Conroy, lnd.conroy@gmail.com

AGAPE sings in Whatcom County!

Hip Hop Concert for Youth and Young at Heart!

David Scherer will perform his profound Christian lyrics in a free concert. Canned goods for local food banks are encouraged at the door, and a free-will offering will be gathered for ELCA World Hunger.

When: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7pm.

Where: Christ Lutheran, Ferndale--5904 Vista Drive.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL: FOSTER VOCATIONS

How would you like to affirm our priests and religious? Foster vocations in the Catholic family? Pray for vocations? Learn about the paths to the priesthood and religious life and help those on the way? Invite others to consider a religious vocation? If you have a heart for vocations and a love for our priests and religious, join with fellow parishioners at Serra International's next meeting, **Saturday, Oct. 10**, following the 5 pm Mass in Shaughnessy Hall at Sacred Heart. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Vince Griego, 360-201-0258.

INTERFAITH COALITION ANNUAL HOPE

Meeting and Celebration

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm

Bellingham Covenant Church.

1530 E. Bakerview Rd.

Join Interfaith for a meaningful evening of fellowship, inspiration and opportunity. Hear from volunteers who share stories of compassion and hope. Learn about our new forum for congregations working with homeless visitors. Catch up with friends old and new. Be part of an active community of individuals and congregations dedicated to our brothers and sisters in need. We'll have music, refreshments and appreciation for being our partners in change.

INTERFAITH COALITION WINTER COAT DRIVE

Now through Oct. 18

This successful annual outreach collects warm outerwear for people of all ages, babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves and hats to worship services. Interfaith will distribute these to people in four locations across Whatcom County. Hand-knitted items are especially prized. For many, this means they won't need to spend limited income on a winter coat, or do without. Thank you for sharing the warmth!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th Annual Alternative Holiday Market will take place Saturday, **November 14** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin. Their advertising allows us to have the cover page of the bulletin printed free.

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

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Jesus, you are The Way, The Truth and The Life. With full confidence we run to you now, bringing with us all those we know and love. We ask that our forthcoming parish mission be a time of renewal and growth in our walk with you. Enter into every household of our parish, Lord; especially those who are tired, lonely and in need of your embrace. Heal our brokenness and awaken our hearts to a life fully lived in you. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray that all who experience this mission may grow in discipleship of your Son. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday, October 5th

10:30 AM Mass Church
3:00 AM Tennis Practice Gym
6:00 PM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR
7:00 PM Edge Gym
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Year 2) LMC
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee Teacher's lounge

Tuesday, October 6th

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scout Webelos 2 Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scout Webelos 1 Room 1
3:00 PM Tennis Practice Gym
6:30 PM Adoration Church
7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
7:00 PM Pax Christi LMC
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00 AM Adoration Church
10:00 AM Women Scripture Study Stafford
2:00 PM St. Joseph Hospital Mass St. Joe's Hospital
3:00 PM Little Flowers Stafford
3:30 PM PTC Executive Meeting LMC
5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM Mass Church
6:45 PM Prayer Ministry Church
7:00 PM Parish Life and Social PC 2nd floor

Thursday, October 8th

10:30 AM Mass Church
11:00 AM Mothers & Children Stafford
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church
1:00 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scout Wolf Pack Room 1
3:00 PM Tennis Practice Gym
5:30 PM Lifeteen Core Team PC 3rd floor
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Pastoral Council LMC
7:00 PM RCIA Stafford

Friday, October 9th

10:30 AM Mass Church
1:30 PM Grief Support Group Stafford
7:00 PM Finance Council PC 2nd floor
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, October 10th

10:00 AM Eucharistic & Hospitality Minister Training Church
11:00 AM Altar Server Training Church
1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
2:00 PM Catechist Certification Year 3 LMC
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
5:00 PM Mass Church
6:00 PM Dinner Club Off-site

Sunday, October 11th

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
8:00 AM MFCC Leaders WKSHP Teacher's Lounge
8:30 AM Mass (3rd/5th graders) Church
9:30 AM Coffee Hour/Tamale Sale Gym
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM RCIA/C Stafford
10:30 AM Mass Church
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School
11:30 AM Coffee Hour/Tamale Sale Gym
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños Biblioteca
3:45 PM Lifeteen Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Youth Mass Church
6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym
7:00 PM Parish Mission Church

TAMALE SALE

Sunday, October 11, there will be tamales for sale in the gym from 9AM to 12 PM. \$20/dozen pork or chicken. For pre orders, please contact Enriqueta at 360 647 4541.

Thank you for your collaboration
Sincerely, Catholic Christian Family Movement



VENTA DE TAMALES

Domingo 11 de Octubre venta de tamales en el gimnasio desde las 9AM A 12 PM \$20. 00 la docena de puerco y de pollo. Para pedidos favor de comunicarse con Enriqueta al 360 647 4541. Gracias por su colaboración Atentamente, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico



Laudato, Si
Praise be to you, my Lord

Laudato, Si, are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. Because of the importance of this encyclical for us and our children, Pax Christi members from Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes will look into the encyclical's various themes at their monthly meetings. ***The meetings will be held at Assumption School Library the first Tuesday of every month beginning September. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30pm.***

Pope Francis addresses *Laudato Si* to "every person on the planet," for we all share a common home. He focuses on a number of important themes which motivate us ***to reflect, pray and act*** for the benefit of all creation. These themes include:

A Moral and Spiritual Challenge. The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion.

Care for God's Creation. God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people.

We are all connected. We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us- our children and grandchildren.

Impact on the Poor. People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are the disproportionately impacted by it.

Called to Solidarity. We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation..

Technological and Economic Development. Technology and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity.

Supporting Life, Protecting Creation. Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings—unborn, disabled, elderly and victims of human trafficking.

Action. The pontiff calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption.

Hope and Joy. Injustice is not invincible! We are called to act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, and creation itself.

Reflect, Pray and Act

**Meeting dates: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2,
Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3.**

For more information, contact

Dan Larguier: 360-920-1816/Mary Mele: 360-820-4958

BE PART OF YOUTH GROUP!

We can't have YOUth group without YOU!

Meet new people, grow personally, and have fun!

The **LIFETEEN** program is for the high schoolers
Sunday 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the gym

EDGE program is for middle schoolers
Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Parishioners, keep us in your prayers!

LIFETEEN and EDGE MISSION

To empower youth to cultivate a community of disciples who challenge each other to integrate faith in daily life.



SAVE THE DATE: November 7 & 8
High School Youth Convention
At Bellevue College
Meet high school Catholics from across the state

RACHEL'S CORNER

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"This retreat was a light at the end of the tunnel. I was able to identify that I needed to forgive myself and experience God's love and mercy. I am now ready to love and to be loved again." -Testimonial from Retreatant

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover how God can replace your darkness with His light.

November 13 – 15, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

RINCÓN DE RAQUEL

Sanar las Heridas del Aborto Provocado

"Este retiro fue la luz al fondo del túnel. Pude identificar que necesitaba perdonarme a mí mismo y vivir el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Ahora estoy listo para amar y ser amado otra vez." -Testimonio de Retiro

Venga a un Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel™ y descubra cómo Dios puede reemplazar su oscuridad con Su luz.

Favor de llamar para próximas fechas de octubre:

Marisela 206.450.7814 deje un mensaje **confidencial**

¡Con amor eterno te he amado!

El Proyecto Raquel es un programa de la agencia de Catholic Community Services.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(09/27/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 72,308	\$ 235,001
Contributions received:	\$15,058	\$ 71,823	\$ 215,537
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 3,019	-\$ 485	-\$ 19,464

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

Debt Reduction	Wk(09/27/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 4,232	\$ 13,754
Contributions received:	\$ 876	\$ 3,089	\$ 8,833
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 182	-\$ 1,143	-\$ 4,921

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	35
Campaign for Human Development	\$	17
Priest Pension	\$	125

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

EUCARIST & HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Eucharist & Hospitality Ministers

Saturday, October 10 @ 10am in the Church.

ENTRENAMIENTO DE EUCARISTÍA Y HOSPITALIDAD

Ministros de Eucaristía y hospitalidad

Sábado, 10 de octubre @ 10 a.m. en la iglesia.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Altar Servers ~ Saturday, October 10 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

This is for NEW and VETERAN servers. One must have received First

Eucharist and be in at least in fourth grade to be an altar server.

MONAGUILLOS ENTRENAMIENTO

Monaguillos ~ Sábado, 10 de octubre a las 11 a.m. en la Iglesia.

Esto es para nuevos y veteranos servidores. Para poder ser monaguillos necesitan haber recibido la Primera Comunión y por lo menos estar en el 4 grado.

He reads the Bible at night by flash light at his “camp”, and comes in to share the wisdom he received. The other day, he came in with a rosary we had given him and asked us to help him learn to pray the rosary. Never doubt the Word of God is being spread at Hope House! His faith has touched and strengthened my own—a gift from a client I didn’t see coming.

The rosary we gave him came from the Rosary makers, one of many groups outside of Hope House that make our work successful. The ladies who make the sandwiches for our Street Outreach lunches, the special needs adults who pack our food bags each Tuesday and the ladies who gather house wares for start-over kits for domestic violence victims---all of them blessings to us! Also, a shout out to those volunteers who put in long hours organizing and cleaning Hope House when we are closed. Many, many hands make this place work!

We are in need of blankets, blankets and blankets! Also size 4 and 5 diapers.

Blessings this harvest season,

Cheri Woolsey

www.bellinghamhopehouse.com



A Stewardship Moment

The phrase in today’s psalm, “May you see your children’s children,” is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!”

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La frase en el Salmo de hoy, “Que puedes ver a los hijos de tus hijos” es en realidad una oración para una larga vida. El buen administrador de los bienes de Dios sabe que *cada* día es un regalo de Dios, que se debe vivir con júbilo y dando gracias. “¡Que el Señor nos bendiga todos los días de nuestras vidas!”



Almighty and ever-faithful Lord,
Gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire,
we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts.

As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to You.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfilment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen