

感恩 Appreciation 18

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很多人來到我們加拿大殉道聖人天主堂，就覺得我們聖堂好親切，好友善，歡迎大家來到的。我的夢想是希望我們聖堂不是屬於我的，是屬於大家的，而大家又是屬於天主的。

每人有不同力量去分享或分擔到聖堂的需要，而你們日日亦有意識地去完成做教友的使命。每年農曆新年聚餐有四百多人參加，就知道我們這個團體是彼此投入、融洽和歡聚，我希望我們這份特質可以維持下去，無論將來會怎樣，希望我們對天主的信仰一定要堅固，如果我們沒有受過考驗，我們的信仰不是堅固，就是我們得到上主的恩惠，我們信靠祂，我們要活出我們的信仰，這樣我們的團體才会有最強的特質，不單止融洽，友誼，微笑，大家貢獻，我們的團體最緊要就是我們的信仰，因主而相聚，藉著祈禱，我們大家互相鼓勵扶持，我們依靠聖母瑪利亞、聖神的幫助，我們希望大家在不同的階段中去成聖，去成長，以此讓人看到我們的團體不是一個吃喝玩樂的團體，是一個有信仰深度的團體。



為我個人來說，十八年來在加拿大殉道聖人天主堂不斷成長；初來時，開始主祭廣東話彌撒，非常緊張，因為在修院內，全是以英語舉行！

另外，得到大家的信任，無論有家庭問題、個人、情緒，甚至乎財政問題，也不介意和我分享，雖然我不能為你們作甚麼，只能做一個聆聽者，你們覺得同神父傾談，可以傾到你們的心聲，可以得到天主的俯允，我就在聽你們。這份感覺，你們的

信任，我是非常珍惜，亦因為你們的信任，給予我更加豐盛的人生，豐盛的鐸職。

而我會在此保持為你們祈禱，大家還有很多問題未必解決到，但我會為你們去祈禱，望全能的上主將來有一天能夠幫助到你們，賜你們恩寵，給你們達至有一個平安的境界，有一個更加舒適的生活，有一個勤勞侍主的心境。

希望大家能夠繼續去彼此代禱，我需要你們的代禱，我也答應為你們祈禱，多謝大家。

Our church is very blessed by God, as you know that especially this evening and a couple of time, we see miracles after miracles. With your support, your sacrifice, your contribution, you make what our church is like today. I think it is very unique that people like you, carrying not only your talent, your resources, but also your faith to come here, in a new country. Because of the love that we share one another, and also for God, you come together and all contribute together to build up this community. So, I appreciate every one of you very much as I told you before. God sends me many angels to come and help me - Fr. Francis, Fr. Peter, sisters, and all of you dedicated volunteers. I do not know all kind of things, but with your help, we can do better and to build the community up in a better way.

I hope that our faith may grow stronger day by day, because this is what makes this church community as it should be - a faith community where God is in our centre, that God is important in our life. So I hope that you may continue this good tradition of expressing our faith through our dedicated service to our church.

Before I was ordained, a priest told me, "Paul, if you want your parishioners to love you, that's only one secret. And that secret is you give all of yourself to them." So, I bear this in mind.

In my priesthood, I try to be available to all of you, because I believe I am only a channel through which the grace of God flows. I will be available to God, through my priesthood to everyone, and I hope that you too may also make yourselves available to God in your lives.

If God calls you young people to priesthood, pray about that, and I hope that the Holy Spirit may guide you to discern it. If you as an adult have something to contribute to the church, or you want to do something for the church, yes, talk to the pastor, offer your idea to him. In fact, many of our parish groups which were established during the last 18 years are initiated by you parishioners, who see the needs of a certain ministry, and then they open their heart to suggest to me. As long as it promotes the kingdom of God, as long as you make God better known to others, as long as you enhance the spiritual life of others, it should be promoted in the parish. So I suggest that if you are so moved by the Holy Spirit in the future, then work something for God in this parish. Don't be afraid, and see what God would be guiding you. There are many things that still needed to be done, but may be God is stirring up in your heart to fulfill it.

I hope that our parish will continue to grow strong and alive in God.

