

August 19, 2018: Journey with Your Parish Family through Koinonia

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. You might best know him as the composer of “O Sacred Head Surrounded” that we sing during Lent each year. St. Bernard is one of only 36 Saints who have been given the title “Doctor of the Church.” This title indicates that their writings and preachings are useful to Christians in any age of the Church. St. Bernard has been called the *Doctor Mellifluus*, which refers to him as one whose teaching “is as sweet as honey.”

The Christian Life has been compared to a “way,” a journey, and a race. Christianity isn’t so much a decision point or a moment of conversion, but a way of life. When St. Bernard spoke of this journey, he was quick to point out that if we are not progressing toward God, we quickly find ourselves drifting away from him.

Let no one say: ***‘I have had enough. I shall stay as I am. It is good enough for me to remain the same as I was yesterday and the day before.’*** Run in such a way that you may reach the goal [1 Cor 9:24]. This can happen only if you do not think that you have already reached the goal but by forgetting about what is behind, you extend yourselves toward what lies ahead.

From: *Letter 385*, to the Monks of Saint Bertin, nos. 1-2.

The Christian journey, though, is not a solitary one. It’s a family road trip. This is a journey we take together.

Here at Holy Rosary we are embarking on the next leg of that journey with our Koinonia. On Wednesday Nights, starting at the end of September, we will gather for community dinners, discipleship opportunities for children, youth, and adults, and prayerful devotion. This is a simple way to plug-in to the community and grow in your faith, both in knowledge and devotion.

There are grade-level classes for children and youth, and multiple discipleship [class] and devotion [prayer] opportunities for adults. For more information or to pre-register, sign up on our website www.holyrosaryedmonds.org. Pre-registration is not required but helps us get a good count for meal planning.

With St. Bernard, let us say **“I can’t get enough, I shall grow in love for God!”**

In Christ,

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