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## SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Lord was very clear as to what kind of people the leaders in the church are to be, as we hear in Matthew 20:25-28: "But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Who is the greatest? In every generation we face the same temptation to exercise influence and leadership in the wrong ways. The exhortation on wisdom from above in James 3:16-4:3 gives us guidelines as to how we are to behave. In the Gospel Jesus reinforces that principle: leaders are not those who lord it over others or impose their will on others through exercise of power. True leaders are those who serve those they lead. Gentleness or meekness is NOT weakness; meekness is power under control. True leaders concern themselves with the needs of those they lead, yes, even before their own needs.

A leader encourages others to make the effort needed to become the best that they can be. A coach, for example, may be committed to demanding excellence and pushing his players to be the best they could be. That may mean encouragement, exhorting, challenging, correcting lovingly among other things. He loves his players enough to care that they be their very best.

A person who is condescending toward others, who is arrogant and prideful insisting on their own way is not a leader. Jesus and James both lay out a different way, the way of servant leadership. We are to be simple, open and expectant as children. We are all leaders in some way because we all have some influence on others: our family, our friends, our co-workers, and our fellow parishioners. Let us make every effort to become leaders molded in His image and imitating His character. Let us become the servant leaders He has called us to be.

James Hunter is a consultant to some of the largest corporations and organizations in the US and in other countries. His basic message even in the most secular of companies is the message of Servant leadership. Those same companies keep inviting him back as their experience is that the principle of servant leadership works in any environment. Mr. Hunter has written a book on the subject that he has entitled: *The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle – How to Become a Servant Leader*. He differentiates between power and authority. Power is the ability to force or coerce others to do your will, even if they would choose not to, because of your position or your might. Authority, on the other hand, is the skill of getting others to do your will because of your personal influence. We might say, "I'll do it for you." It is about right relationships with others, about love in action. The good news is that we can learn the principle of effective servant leadership by practicing appropriate behaviours even when our flesh might want to act in another way. The good news is that we can change with the help of the Holy Spirit. We can choose to do something different; we can choose to learn and to grow.

Part of being a servant leader is to develop the leadership skill of those for whom we are responsible. As leaders our job is to work ourselves out of a job; to bring out the best in others so that they become effective leaders with godly influence. Becoming the type of leader Jesus wants us to be takes more than a workshop on leadership or a good pep talk that gets us excited but really does not move us to cultivate the changes we need. "Examples of world leaders who had no power but operated from a position

### CCRSO MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and participate in the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church, witnessing to the reality of Jesus Christ and the love of the Father, under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, exercising the charisms received through release of the Holy Spirit.

of authority and accomplished things that changed the world.” Who does this bring to mind? I think of people like Pope John 23, Pope John Paul 2, and Mother Teresa among others. “Influence, legitimate leadership, is built upon service and sacrifice.”

Who is the greatest? It is not necessarily those with the big titles but rather those who influence others by serving them and helping become the best they can be. True leaders seek the greatest good of those they serve/lead often at personal sacrifice to themselves. This does not mean a passive anything goes leadership but a leadership that brings out the best in others.

True leadership is the way of loving service as demonstrated by Jesus and holy men and women through the ages. Let us commit ourselves to be leaders like Jesus our Leader. Amen!

*Deacon Star Cor, President, CCRSO*

### **REST IN PEACE**

### **CINDY-LEE (BEDARD) SULLIVAN**

On Wednesday, 26 August 2009, Cindy-Lee peacefully entered into eternal life, surrounded by her family, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 48.

Cindy-Lee, beloved wife of Brian Sullivan and dearly loved mother of Joshua (Christine), Theresa-Marie, Jacinta (fiancé Tim Malone), Mary-Kate, Anna-Michelle, Isaac, Jacob, Mary-Frances and Mikaila.

Cindy-Lee is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Zachariah and Elijah Sullivan.

Loved daughter of Shirley Bedard and the late Raymond Bedard. Dear sister of Eric (Linda), John, Jim (Margaret), Michael and Shirley-Anne Bedard.

Cindy-Lee invested her life passionately in her faith, her family and her ministry with youth.

### **MAY THE LORD WELCOME HER INTO HIS KINGDOM OF LIGHT AND PEACE**

Thank you all for your many heartfelt prayers for Cindy-Lee and in support of her family.  
If desired, donations can be made in her memory to Sacred Way Ministries.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN**

### **Sault Ste. Marie Diocese**

#### **Sault Ste. Marie Region**

(by Edward Twentyman)

#### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT**

A city-wide retreat, hosted by the St. Mary's Prayer Community is being held beginning 6 October at Our Lady of Good Counsel with 3 Bishops and a number of priests giving the talks.

#### **Sudbury Region**

(by T. J. Shannon)

#### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

Plans are underway for the seminars to be held at the Diocesan Center November 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Are done through notices in local parish bulletins; our diocesan office; posters in each parish, and through the internet over our diocesan DeoWeb. We also communicate through a monthly 12-page newsletter which is also mailed to the homebound and to out-of-town members upon request.

#### **PRAYER, STUDY AND TEACHINGS**

*The Service Group* meets every second Friday morning throughout the year following Mass and a time in the chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. *The Compassion ministry* meets twice a month; once with the leaders of each group and then two weeks later with all their members.

*The Intercessory Ministry* meets every Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Diocesan Center.

*The Prophetic Ministry* meets once a month on Sunday afternoons from 2 - 5 p.m.

*The Inner Healing Ministry* meets once a month. An Inner Healing Course is offered each winter/spring. Upon request, a team of two members is available for individual prayer.

*The Life/Growth In The Spirit Ministry* meets once a month but more frequently as the dates of the seminars draw closer.

*The Cancer Ministry* meets every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. before the prayer meeting for special prayers in addition to their daily prayers offered for those suffering from cancer, their caregivers and family members.

*The Music Ministry* meets as time and space allows.

#### **SPECIAL MASSES FOR CANCER SUFFERERS**

Are held twice a year at Our Lady of Hope Church. Everyone suffering from cancer, their caregivers and family are invited to attend and to also receive the Sacrament of the Sick. A reception in the parish Gathering Space follows the liturgy.

#### **PERPETUAL ADORATION- BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Continues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the special chapel at Our Lady of Hope Church. On 1 November we will begin our 19th consecutive year of adoration.

## **SOME THOUGHTS ON THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> this year, on the feast of the Sacred Heart, Pope Benedict went on record as saying: *“It is my hope that the Year for Priests will help all priests to appreciate the immense grace of their vocation, consecration and mission.”* The Holy Father continued: *“During this year, may the whole Church pray and work more fervently for the role of the priest in the life of the (church) community.”*

*Imagine* speaking to a room full of people every week and never hearing applause...our priests do it all the time.

*Imagine* taking time each week, even each day, to prepare a message for people and not knowing if they are listening or if it has an impact.

*Imagine* hearing about all the bad things that happen, the illnesses and deaths and marriage struggles but rarely the positive moments of celebration ... our priests do it all the time.

*Imagine* counselling people, trying constantly to find the right words to encourage and support and lift up, and rarely knowing if it's made a difference.

*Imagine* our lives without Mass and the Sacraments!

Some of you may be asking yourselves what you can do to support your priests, especially during this year set aside to affirm them in their essential ministry. Allow me to offer a few ideas for consideration.

### **The Personal Touch**

This year, take time to tell your priests how they have touched your life... through their words, their homilies, their presence, their character, their sacrifices, their presence at daily Mass, with our sick family members and other important events in our lives. Let's not just do this for our current pastor but also for the bishop and all the priests who have touched our lives in some way in the past. A simple hand-written note goes a long way.

### **Diocesan or Regional Celebrations of the Priesthood**

For a great many years now, in Alexandria-Cornwall diocese as well as in various places the world over, exists a program some call “Adopt-a-priest” as well as its companion “Adopt-a-Deacon” program.

The flower which symbolizes the ministerial priesthood is the seven-petalled daisy. When a priest transfers to a diocese and when a seminarian is ordained to the priesthood, program coordinators put out the call for seven future prayer partners to participate as petals on the priest's daisy. So that the priest is surrounded in prayer seven days a week, each prayer partner

accepts to undertake this act of love on his/her chosen day of the week on an ongoing basis. The priest, in turn, agrees to pray for his seven prayer partners in a special way.

The Thursday prayer partner is considered the lead partner for that particular daisy and can call the others as necessary. In addition to offering his/her day of the week for the daisy's priest prayer partner, each prayer partner, may choose to undertake specific acts of love, such as offering his/her participation in Mass that day, offering up a rosary for the priest and generally encouraging the priest.

Should the priest and other members of the daisy group desire, they may choose to get together for a meal or some other gathering from time to time. The coordinators send out periodic newsletters, acknowledging upcoming anniversaries of ordination and birthdays as well as generally encouraging the prayer partners.



### **2009 Daisy Mass held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Chrysler**

Once a year, the program coordinators call the daisies together for the annual “Daisy Mass”, presided over by the bishop and co-presided by all of the adopted priests in the diocese or region. In a bilingual diocese, the Mass will likely be bilingual. The bishop's homily is focused on the priesthood and the support of the laity. The chosen liturgical music supports the theme and a lay-presented reflection is offered before the final blessing. After the reflection, the priests may be presented with a spiritual bouquet or other gift by a representative of the whole group. A reception with light refreshments follows.

### **Awareness**

There are some excellent materials to help people appreciate the role of the priest. For example, Lighthouse Catholic Media has released a new audio CD, “Year for Priests” by Professor Michael Barber, as well as a pamphlet entitled: “5 Ways to Support my Parish Priest..”

*Don Smith,  
Bishop's Liaison, Alexandria-Cornwall.Diocese*

## **WISDOM:**

# A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

by Reta Lienhardt

Pope John Paul in a sermon delivered in 1989 on the gifts of the Holy Spirit said: "The first and greatest of these gifts is Wisdom, which is a light which we receive from on high; it is a special sharing in that mysterious and highest knowledge which is that of God himself. In fact, we read in Sacred Scriptures: *'Therefore I prayed and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptre and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her (Wis 7:7-8).'*" He went on to say: "This higher wisdom is the root of a new awareness, a knowledge permeated by charity, by means of which the soul becomes familiar, so to say, with divine things, and tastes them. St. Thomas speaks precisely of 'a certain taste of God' (Summa Theol. II-II, q. 45, a. 2 ad 1), through which the truly wise person is not simply the one who knows the things of God but rather the one who experiences and lives them."

To be sure, as Pope John Paul says, Wisdom is a light which we receive from on high, first infused into us when we are baptized. It is not an accumulation of worldly knowledge that we gain from books or teaching and it is not a knowledge that can be attained by our own efforts. We all know clever, well-educated people who have wonderful gifts and skills but appear to us to be lacking not only Wisdom but even common sense.

No, the gift of Wisdom which comes from the Holy Spirit is something much more profound. It is the most perfect gift. It embodies, or consists of, or embraces, the other Isaian gifts, the same way that love embraces all the virtues. It strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects love, coordinates all spiritual knowledge, and promotes the practice of virtue. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and desire the things of God and when we truly taste and see the things of God, our appreciation of earthly pleasures lose their attractiveness.

This gift goes beyond the mere possession of knowledge, experience and understanding. It is the ability to apply those attributes soundly, in a critical and effective way. This special awareness gives us a particular ability to judge human things according to God's standard, in God's light, and enlightened by this gift, the Christian is able to see into the reality of the world around them.

Several years ago when I had just come into an extraordinary experience and understanding of the Lord, the radical feminist movement was also just beginning to make itself felt and heard. It captured the attention of my "old self," and there were some aspects of it that seemed quite good to me; but my "new self" recoiled against many of its precepts and the deceptive lengths to which its proponents went to sell its

ideology. I was and am grateful to God that He gave me insights into the long-range repercussions of most of what the movement stood for. This, I believe was the gift of Wisdom operating in me. For me, the gift of Wisdom is really supernatural insights which allow a person to see beyond the immediate. As I look back over the last 30 years, I can see how the Lord has led me around pitfalls, temptations and bad decisions through His gift of Wisdom. In Proverbs 3:13-15, Wisdom is described as a gift of God greater and better than gold, silver or jewels, and none of a person's most prized possessions can compare.

Jim Seghers, a prominent evangelist and apologist, describes Wisdom most beautifully as "the highest of the gifts because it corresponds most to the virtue of love, which is the loftiest of the virtues. It directs the intellect, moderates the passions, corrects the affections and directs the will. Wisdom leads us to judge all things by their relationship to God, not so much as an intellectual enterprise, but from the perspective of our loving relationship with God. Therefore, it enables us to focus on eternal truths, to make correct judgments in light of eternity, and to delight in the things of God. In this way the Holy Spirit prevents us from becoming preoccupied with human culture, *the flawed politically-correct thinking of this world and the latest theological fads.* Wisdom helps us understand that all that glitters is not gold" (italics mine).

We have all heard people say wistfully that they wish they had "the wisdom of Solomon." In 1 Kings 3, we read that in a dream God said to the young King Solomon: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." And the king, after complaining to God how difficult it was to rule an unruly people, asked for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." And the Lord was pleased that he made this request and said: "Because you have asked for this – not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for wisdom so that you may know what is right ... I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you. In addition, I give you what you have not asked for, such as riches and glory ... and also a long life." And it wasn't long after Solomon received this God-given wisdom that it was put to the test when two women came to him both claiming to be the mother of the same child. What an intriguing story. If the reader is not familiar with how King Solomon solved this dilemma, it would be worth turning to 1 Kings 3:16-28, and read about this most unusual (and, to my mind, risky) way of exercising his gift of Wisdom.

God was so pleased with Solomon when he asked for Wisdom that He bestowed it on him in abundance. It is the same for us when we feel we need a special surge of Wisdom in order to solve a particular dilemma or make a correct decision. All we have to do is ask: "*If any of you is without wisdom, let him ask it from the God who gives generously and ungrudgingly to all, and it will be given him* (James 1:5). And in order to grow in

Wisdom, we would do well to read and study the Wisdom literature found in the Bible: the books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach, and the Psalms.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Hamilton Diocese

Submitted by Estelle Meunier

### MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

This year, at Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown, the Health and Wellness committee will collaborate with the prayer group to prepare a brochure with a teaching to be handed out at the Masses, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, 27 Oct., 24 Nov., 2009 and 5 Jan., 23 Feb., 23 Mar., 27 April and 25 May, 2010.

### HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE

A Mass of Resurrection for the Healing of Family Roots was held in Burlington at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 5 Oct. at St. Gabriel Church. The celebrant was Fr. Martin Bradbury.

A Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree, hosted by the Servants of the Light Prayer Community, will be held at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Drive in Oakville at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 17 October.

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

St. Andrew's Prayer Group will facilitate a LSS Seminar from 13 October to 24 November at St. Andrew's Church, 47 Reynolds St. in Oakville. Contact Gino Scapillati at 905-815-8875 or the Parish at 905-844-3303 for more information.

The Servants of the Light Prayer Community will facilitate a LSS Seminar starting 20 October at St. Michael Church, 181 Sewell Drive in Oakville. For more information, contact Marcel or Pierrette Aubin at 905-845-1376 or the parish at 905-844-7971.

### MASS FOR CANCER SUFFERERS

Jesus Light of the World and Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer communities in Kitchener are sponsoring a special mass for cancer sufferers, their families and caregivers at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 31 October at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Dr. in Kitchener (wheelchair accessible). A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses. Bishop Gerard

Bergie, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton will be the Celebrant and Homilist. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. A reception will follow in the parish centre. For more information, contact Marg at 519-894-5424 or Reta at 519-743-2836.

### TRINITY PRAYER MINISTRY

provides opportunities for the ministry of healing through prayer to take place within a Catholic Church environment. The location is Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener. All are welcome to come for prayer, whether the need is for physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual healing. They are also available by appointment. For more information, or to set-up an appointment, the contacts for Trinity Prayer Ministry are Bob or Shirley Gatchene at 519-744-6067 or e-mail [gatchene@rogers.com](mailto:gatchene@rogers.com)

**Association of Christian Therapists (ACT)  
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## WHITE MASS

Celebrant

**Most Rev. Bishop Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.  
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**Tuesday, 8 December**

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For more information call 905-335-6902

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Toronto Archdiocese

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#### **LOCATION**

St. John's Hall,  
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#### **TEAM**

Fr. Mathew Naickomparambil, V.C.  
Fr. Joby Kachappilly, V.C., Sister Teresa, FCC

#### **SPECIAL BLESSING**

Sunday Main Celebrant of Holy Eucharist & Homilist  
His Grace Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

For More Information contact  
Family Prayer Mission (Ontario) at 905-896-2854  
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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN A Great Tool for**

## **Alexandria/Cornwall Diocese**

### **YOUTH**

#### **JOURNEY TO THE FATHER YOUTH CONFERENCE**

In July, a very successful 10<sup>th</sup> annual JTTF weekend Catholic High School Age Youth Conference was held in St. Raphael's, Ont. with a full-house of youth and their chaperones from across the province and beyond. Plans are already underway for next year's event. Watch for details in the next issue of Stirrings – you will need to register your group early in order to secure space at this increasingly popular event.

#### **YOUTH ON THE MOVE**

Mass at 5 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Our Lady of Grace Church in Ingleside.

Mass at 7 p.m. the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at Blessed Sacrament Church in Cornwall.

Mass is followed by social time with food and games for Grades 7 and 8 students and those in high school.

### **EVANGELIZATION**

#### **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

Audio CD teachings by Catholic speakers are being welcomed by parishioners in two parishes in the diocese with others looking forward to starting the program. See article next page for more details

#### **MATTHEW KELLY**

This December the diocese will host one of the most sought after voices of our time at a Catholic High School in Cornwall. It is expected that the auditorium, which seats roughly 700 people, will be filled to capacity to hear this world-class Catholic speaker. Check out his website [matthewkelly.org](http://matthewkelly.org).

### **EDUCATION**

#### **WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE?**

Father Kevin Maloney at St. Peter's Church in Cornwall is presenting a 6 week series of talks with a question period on Tuesday mornings from 20 Oct. through 24 Nov.

#### **LENDING LIBRARY**

Several hundred good Catholic books, in English and French are available on loan free of charge. There are Novels, Lives of the Saints, Theology....books that explain our great Catholic faith.

#### **NEWSPAPER**

Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher writes an article weekly for Cornwall's daily newspaper. Current teachings are on the Psalms (*Original meaning; In the Light of the Gospel; Application to Christian Living and the Big Picture*).

## **Catechesis & Evangelization**

**by Don Smith**

Any of us who've been in the Renewal for a time have likely experienced the joy of leaving a conference with a handful of great audio CDs. Be it on the drive home from the conference, on the daily commute, or in our quiet time – being able to (re-)live the conference experience anytime we want is a real blessing. And then, we find ourselves with an easy and fun way to reach out to friends, co-workers and family members who may be away from the Church or simply lukewarm in their faith. Indeed, many a life has been touched and transformed by the experience of hearing some wonderful Catholic teaching and exhortation via the cassette/CD ministry.

Wouldn't it be great if we could receive such a CD in the mail each month or pick some up on our way out of church! About six years ago, someone else thought so and determined to make it a reality.

St. Joseph Communications, a 25-year old Catholic family business based in California, has been offering audio CDs and downloads from their online store. After four years under its parent banner, Lighthouse Catholic Media, (LCM) a not-for-profit apostolate, was spun off from St. Joe's for the sole purpose of making these affordable CDs readily available in parishes and schools across North America. To date almost 2 million CDs have been distributed in approximately 2,000 parishes here in Canada and the U.S.

The mission of LCM is to answer the call for a New Evangelization by serving the Church in providing inspirational CDs and brochures that will enrich and strengthen people's relationship with Jesus Christ and understanding of their Catholic faith. Their vision is to support all parishes worldwide by providing the very best presentations and media resources to help people find answers to all aspects of life that they deal with on a daily basis. They are committed to serving the Church with integrity so that all presentations are guaranteed to be faithful to the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church.

Topics and themes include conversion/ evangelization, the Bible, Mary and the Saints, dating/marriage, parenting, youth/teens, family life, prayer, stewardship, music, the Church/pope, the Eucharist, and overcoming the New Age. The testimony CDs now include sports figures, such as Mike Sweeney.

Presenters include clergy like Cardinal Arinze, Bishop Sheen, Fr. Groeschel, Fr. Corapi and Pope Benedict XVI, professors such as Scott Hahn and Peter Kreeft, and such evangelists as

Matthew Kelly and Jeff Cavins. There really is something for everyone.

Recently Lighthouse added a new resource available for parish groups - discussion group questions for those who want to use the CDs as a basis for small group dialogue.

The parish programs can operate as Faithraisers, Fundraisers or both – and they are risk-free!

I became a Lighthouse account manager in the Spring, primarily serving Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. In our own parish we've observed that some parishioners pick up a copy of each title we feature twice each month. Many from neighbouring parishes have inquired how they may go about introducing the program in their parishes. Feedback has been very positive, with many expressing appreciation for the service.

Anyone wishing more details is welcome to drop me a line at the.homeopath@sympatico.ca and I'd be glad to help you learn how you too can share in this wonderful apostolate.

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and Don Smith  
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to this edition of  
Stirrings  
and to those of you who  
sent in news of  
"What's Happening  
In Your Diocese"*

**GOD  
HAS 3 WORDS FOR US**

He doesn't want you to hear them for someone else. He wants you to hear them for yourself. If you do hear these three words for yourself, really hear them not only with your ears, but especially hear them with your heart and with your spirit and truly believe these words they will transform you radically and deeply. The problem most people have is either that they have never heard these three words or have heard but have not really allowed those words to sink into their spirit. Three very simple words, but three very profound words.

What are God's three words? **"I LOVE YOU."**

If you really believe that He loves you, you will never worry because you know that in his love, He can never fail you; He will always care for you. Regardless of the circumstances you will hang in knowing He will come through for you. If you know that He loves you, you will have such a positive self-image: "If He loves me, then I am special, I am lovely and lovable, I am a person of great worth."

If you receive revelation of the truth of these three words you will be ready for anything and victorious in everything, "I can do all things in the Anointed and his anointing (the Holy Spirit) who loves me."

If you truly know the truth of these three words, the hurts, rejections, abuses, and sins of the past will fade into insignificance and you will be able to let them come to the light and be healed in his love. "In this does God prove his love, in that while we were yet sinners, God sent his Son to redeem us."

If you accept the truth of these three words, what a powerhouse you will be for God! Know that He loves you, that He sent his Son Jesus to save you, that in Jesus you are already seated in heavenly places with Jesus, that you already have the down payment of the Holy Spirit guaranteeing your full redemption. What a powerfully growing revelation will these three words impart into your life! Yes, and into the life of every person who will receive and believe them.

What a life you can live in his love, "perfect love that casts out all fear!" What self-respect it will generate in you!

As you meditate on his 3 words for you, as you begin to fathom the depths of his love, your spirit will also realize that He also loves others. And his love for you will overflow not only with love for Him, but also with his love for others. What a difference his love will make in your life!

Bathe in his awesome unconditional unending love for you. Receive and believe his three words. He speaks them to you: "I love you!" Let him love you.

Say to yourself out loud three or four times every day:

*"God loves me!"*

*Submitted by Deacon Stan Cor*

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