

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for March 10, 2013

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9A, 10-12

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday - 7 am

Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Blossoms & Brass The Fund for Easter Liturgies

Each year, St. Joseph Parish celebrates the Feast of Easter with beautiful music and a beautiful environment. This year we invite our parishioners to help us do this well by supporting our Blossom & Brass Fund. Special offering envelopes are in the Church Vestibule, or you can visit www.stjosephparish.org to make an online donation.



Calendar

Mon, Mar 4

Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM

Tue, Mar 5

RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

Wed, Mar 6

Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM
Choir Practice, School, 6:30 PM
The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

Fri, Mar 8

Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel
Parish Center, 7:30 AM

COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 24, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 8,651.25

A Farewell to Pope Benedict XIV & A Prayer for the Conclave

*I am not eager, bold
Or strong—all that is past.
I am ready not to do,
At last, at last!*

-St. Peter Canisius, S.J.-

*Our problem is how to live what we pray, how to make our lives
a daily commentary on our prayer book, how to live in conso-
nance with what we promise, how to keep faith with the vision
we pronounce.*

-Abraham Joshua Heschel-

Don't be shocked, but the Catholic Church is often very po-
litical. Really.

Now, if you haven't spilled your coffee with surprise at that line, then you can probably understand some of the craziness that has occurred since Pope Benedict announced—in an act that I continue to believe was tremendously grace-filled and courageous—that he was resigning as Pope. The “unmasking” of the scandalous behavior of the Cardinal of Scotland, which has led him to recuse himself from the conclave; the rumors that Benedict was “forced” to resign by a cabal of homosexual priests, or the alternative rumor that he resigned when he read a shocking report about how powerful the homosexual lobby is within the corridors of power in the Church; the whispers intended to create fear about that prelate or this policy, or to portray one region or another as on the verge of schism—all have been pouring out into the papers in ways that seem oddly reminiscent of stories of Obama's Nigerian birth or the tales that the government is about to seize everybody's guns. In other words, the lobbying machinery of the conclave seems to be going full-tilt; not necessarily for any particular person (certainly no one I would know) but to create a certain kind of urgency and even fear (e.g., about homosexuals or liberals, about people out to overturn Vatican II or about those who want to go back to Trent). It's vulgar and it's sad and it is far too human, but it is, perhaps, only unmasking something that Pope Benedict himself felt was beyond his control, and needed a younger, stronger hand to bring into check.

Which is why I admire, so very much, the prayer and discernment which Pope Benedict put into his decision to resign. An historian of the Church, he realized that many would condemn him for this choice; yet, he made it because of prayer and because of his great love for God's People in the Church. Even if one disagrees with much that Pope Benedict has done—whether in his earlier role as Cardinal Ratzinger or in his years of service on the throne of Peter—there seems to me no doubt that his decision to resign is an act of courage and discernment, as what we in the Jesuits often call *mortification*. It brings to my mind the last words

that the Holy Father spoke to the Jesuits assembled in Rome for General Congregation 35, when he invoked St. Ignatius, saying to us:

*In this spirit of obedience to the will of God, to Jesus Christ, that becomes humble obedience to the Church, I invite you to continue and bring to conclusion the work of your Congregation, and I join you in the prayer that St. Ignatius taught us in the Exercises—a prayer that seems too great to the point that I almost dare not say, but which all the same **we must propose to our selves anew:** ‘Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and possess; you gave it to me, I now give it back to you, O Lord; all is yours, dispose of it according to your will; give me your love and your grace; that is enough for me’ (Ex 234). [emphasis added]*

The willingness to identify himself with the Jesuits in that room was a significant moment for us all, but today, in light of his resignation and departure, I see that it was not simply diplomacy. I imagine Pope Benedict praying this prayer often in the weeks and months leading up to his resignation (for his annual retreat, he often made use of the *Spiritual Exercises*), and imagine its greatness—as he noted—moving upon his heart. Thus, despite all the pressures of history and papal politics, he found the strength in God to surrender this office and accept what his body and spirit were calling him to accept: resignation.

My prayer, then, for him—a prayer I hope I share with all those at St. Joseph and, indeed, with all my Catholic sisters and brothers—is that, as he has sought to make this sacrifice to God, so God might respond with the love and the grace that Benedict seeks. May he find, in the years to come, a quiet heart, easily disposed to God and richly blessed with the presence of God's grace.

And as for the conclave, called amidst the political wrangling and ecclesial politicking, I pray only that it might be as overthrown by grace, as was Benedict's heart. May the Holy Spirit, who sometimes seems to whisper when I long for a clarion call, move among these Cardinals: disrupting all their settled notions, turning their heart of stone into fleshy hearts, and filling them with a fire that burns away everything in them that is not yet Christ. May the power of this season of unfolding love and mystery—where the hour of glory is the moment of sacrifice, where the one who is killed becomes the source of unending life—so fill the cavern of the Sistine Chapel that nothing can stop it. May it bring to the Church not a ruler of the faithful but a Vicar of Christ; not a monarch enthroned but a companion in mission; not a watchdog of dogma but a pilgrim on the Way to Jerusalem, who will stand with us all at the foot of the cross and love us (and help us to love each other) with the unfailing love of Christ Jesus.

And that is politics for which I pray.





Lent at St. Joseph

*Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting.
If we have not all three together, we have nothing.*

~Peter Chrysologus

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Patti and Mary with upcoming operations . . . For Irene and for Carol in their recovery from surgery . . . For Dennis' intentions . . . Thanksgiving for a new job with an increase in salary . . . For those that are preparing for the Novena of Grace . . . For George's business . . . For His Holiness Benedict XVI . . . For the Cardinals' discernment to elect a new pope to minister and serve.

Prayer Tree



***"Have no fear of moving into the unknown.
Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with
you, therefore no harm can befall you, all is very,
very, well.***

Do this in complete faith and confidence."

~ Pope John Paul II

Rest in Peace

Sr. Marie Colarossi, S.N.J.M. -- whose service was
on Feb. 28th
Veronica Travler, sister of Angela Kleinsasser, whose
service will be March 9th at 10 am
Mary Talevich, whose service will be March 15th at
5 pm
Nick Buono, father of Frank Buono, whose service
will be March 21st at 11 am

Rice Bowl



Helping Children in Lesotho

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Lesotho, where many children lack access to quality education. Only 73% of primary school-age children in Lesotho are enrolled in school. Give to your Rice Bowl this week to support communities working with CRS to provide educational opportunities for children.

Our Catholic Identity

This Lent, use the CRS Rice Bowl: Our Catholic Identity resource to deepen your relationship with Christ by walking in the shoes of the world's most vulnerable people and learning from the example of the saints.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron saint of schools (1774–1821)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first canonized saint who was born in the United States. She grew up in New York City in a prominent family who were among the first colonial settlers in the New York area. She loved to read and study, and from a very early age, Elizabeth took comfort in reading the Bible. Her parents were dedicated to serving the poor and vulnerable. Through their example, Elizabeth learned to live her life in service to others.

St. Elizabeth was firm in following the will of God in her life. She had a deep devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, and she loved Mary, Mother of God. While raising five children, she managed to open the first Catholic school in the United States, and later, the first Catholic orphanage. Elizabeth was committed to education and worked very diligently to ensure that children who were poor had access to education. She founded the first U.S. religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. With her sisters, she worked to address the social injustices that oppressed the poor and vulnerable in their society.

We honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for her courage to recognize the human dignity of the poor and provide for their basic rights to education and good health. St. Elizabeth, like teachers, guardians and students in Lesotho, understood that a quality education is an important step in ensuring a bright future for children and communities.

PRAY: Gracious God, we thank You for the loving example of Your faithful servant, St. Elizabeth Ann, who lived her life working to provide for the basic rights of children to have a home and a good education. In our gratitude to God for the wonderful gift of education, may we use our talents wisely to bring

FAST: Fast from something that distracts you (television, internet, video games, magazines, etc). Instead, tell a friend about something new you learned this week.

GIVE: Donate to your Rice Bowl and help children around the world receive a quality education.



Lent at St. Joseph

The 40 days of Lent are either from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday (Minus the Sundays) or they are from the 1st Sunday of Lent to Holy Thursday including Sundays.

"When the stomach is full, it is easy to talk of fasting."

~Jerome, Fourth Century

The Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier

The tradition of a novena (i.e., nine days of prayer) is a long-standing devotion of the Church. Ordinarily, such prayer, involves the intercession of a saint in support of some grace or for the accomplishment of some good work. The tradition of a Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier emerges from this tradition, and is celebrated annually around the time when the Society of Jesus celebrates the canonization of Sts. Ignatius and Xavier (i.e., 12 March).

In 1634, a Jesuit priest, Marcellus Mastrilli, was working in the town of Naples when he sustained a serious head injury. Mastrilli, who desired to go to the Japanese mission (the most challenging in the world, at that time), was prayed for by his friends and companions, who asked for the intercession of the first Japanese missionary—St. Francis Xavier. He recovered completely, and heard, as he did, the promise that anyone who took time each year to complete the nine days of prayer would *"experience Francis' protection and might hope with great assurance that any grace they asked of God would be granted, provided it be for their good and the glory of God."*

Fr. Mastrilli did go to Japan, recovering the body of Xavier and returning it to Goa, India, where it rests today. Later, he himself was martyred in Nagasaki on 17 October 1637.



*St Francis Xavier Preaching —Andrea Carlone
Church of the Gesù, Rome.*



Novena of Grace 2013: "Finding My Way Home"

Jennifer Kelly and Fr. Paul Fitterer SJ, presenters

Wednesday, March 6 – Thursday, March 14, 2013

**Weekdays: 12:30 pm at Seattle University Chapel of St. Ignatius ** and 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church
Saturday, March 9: 1:00 pm only at St. Joseph Church
Sunday, March 10: 1:00 pm only at Chapel of St. Ignatius**

Are you longing to find a meaningful connection to God in your busy schedule? Are you thirsting to hear spiritual wisdom that resonates deeply and is relevant to your daily life?

If so, enter more deeply into Lent this year by participating in the Novena of Grace, a meaningful nine-day "retreat in everyday life."

Cherished presenters Jennifer Kelly and Fr. Paul Fitterer SJ return to help us reflect on the theme of *"Finding My Way Home"* to where my heart most truly finds peace and consolation. Be part of a unique community of folks gathered together from throughout the Seattle area for any or all of the nine days.

If you've never experienced the Novena before, we hope you will try it out. We encourage those who have attended to return again, this time inviting a friend, co-worker or family member to experience the abundant graces of this meaningful retreat.

** Shuttle service is available from St. Joseph Parish Center to Seattle University for the 12:30 pm weekday Mass. Please contact Renee Leet at (206) 965-1640 or rleet@stjosephparish.org to sign up. Please gather in front of the Parish Center at 11:30 am.

Novena talks and booklet will be posted on the Ignatian Spirituality Center website, www.ignatiancenter.org



Community

MOMS Annual Retreat

Please join us for our annual St. Joseph MOMS group retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at the Islandwood retreat center on Bainbridge Island. This overnight retreat will begin mid-day on Saturday and continue until around noon on Sunday. Our theme, Surprised By Joy: An Easter Retreat for Mothers, will invite us to ponder the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Gospels and to grow aware of the subtle and unexpected signs of new life and miracles in our own everyday lives. We will use a variety of ways to enter into the Easter scriptures during our time together, basking in the season's gifts of consolation and hope, joy and peace, comfort and strength.

The cost for a double occupancy room plus 3 meals, all your retreat materials, and our facilitator's time will be about \$180 per person (this cost could be reduced, if we have a large number of participants).

Interested? Please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or at (206)948-7804 to reserve your spot or ask questions.

Seniors On The Go

Thursday, March 21st - Monthly OWL's Potluck, 6 pm, Social Hall. Call Mary Ott 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 for details.

Wed, March 6 to Thur March 14 - rides available for the Novena of Grace. Weekdays only to Service at Seattle University. Bus leaves from St. Joe's at 11:30 am for 12:30 service.

Alumni Day of Prayer

Loved into Gratitude: Depth and Wonder in the
Second Half of Life

Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 9 am to 3:00 pm
Seattle University, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Magis is pleased to offer this special annual retreat. The day features opportunities for prayer and reflection, small group sharing, gentle music, and a liturgy, all taking place in the beautiful sacred space of the Chapel of Saint Ignatius. If you are entering or experiencing your second half of life, join us and bring a friend! Cost is \$20 and includes coffee service, lunch, retreat materials, and parking.

ST JOSEPH MOM'S GROUP 3-PART SERIES

Reflective Parenting

Three Wednesday Mornings; March 6, 13, and 20th
9:30-11am, coffee & check-in begins at 9am

St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor

Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare

We are happy to announce our next 3-Part Session starting Wed, March 6th. Please join us as we focus on the multi-faceted capacity of Reflective Parenting. We will begin with ourselves - exploring what we bring to parenting and what experiences shaped us. Then, we will consider how our children's experience is shaped by family, their temperaments, sensory sensitivities, strengths, and growing edges - as well as the culture we live in. Lastly, we'll consider the "big questions" of parenting.

This series will be facilitated by Diane Lostrangio, LIC-SW. Diane is a St. Joe's parishioner and mother with 25+ years experience working with children and families. She is in private practice at Cooper House on Capitol Hill, specializing in working with adoptive families, families in transition and infant mental health.

To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or 206.948.7804.

Hospital Eucharistic Ministry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to provide Catholic prayer presence and sacrament of Eucharist to patients and their families at Harborview Medical Center. Previous experience being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist preferred, but not required. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, Diocesan Safe Environment Training, background checks and complete Orientation/Training sessions and personal interviews. Time expectation is once a week, 3-4 hour shift, plus gatherings every other month for reflection and support. There is flexibility with regards to specific day and time of volunteering. To volunteer at Harborview please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or steview@stjosephparish.org **Deadline for Applications is March 6th.**

FAITH IN ACTION

CONVOCAATION II: STANDING WITH THOSE IN THE MARGINS



As part of our parish covenant we continue to expand the Circle of Grace at St. Joe's through active commitment to and loving solidarity with those on the margins. Join us for an afternoon of reflection with Sen. Ed Murray, Josephine Tamayo Murray & our ministry partners where we consider our response including: letter writing, participation in Catholic Advocacy Day and prayer.



Date: Sunday, March 10, 2013

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center, Arrupe Room
732 18th East
Seattle, WA 98112

Keynote Speaker



SEN. ED MURRAY - Has represented the 43rd District since 1995. As a lawmaker, Ed has focused on protecting civil rights and the vulnerable.

Ministry Partners Included



CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB - Is a day center for homeless and low income American Indians/Alaskan Natives



JUBILEE WOMEN'S CENTER - provides safe, affordable housing and educational resources to help women build fulfilling lives.

**For More Information contact
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
206-965-1646**

SteveW@stjosephparish.org



Social Ministry

ADVOCACY TO REDUCE POVERTY

Parishioners are invited to take part in the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day

The Social Justice Commission is promoting several advocacy activities in March:

1. Registration for Catholic Advocacy Day – Even though it's past the registration deadline you can still register if you are interested in participating. Contact Catholic Community Services (CCS) at DialogueForJustice@ccsww.org or 206.328.5792. We will also be taking signups at all the Masses. CCS and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will make arrangements for group appointments with legislators and chartered bus transportation (if needed) to Olympia as part of Catholic Advocacy Day. Last year over 20 parishioners from St. Joe's participated.
2. March 10, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Parish Center Arrupe Room – Convocation II: Standing with Those on the Margins – This year's convocation provides education on the priority issues included for advocacy in the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day: TANF, Housing and Essential Needs Services, the Housing Trust and the Basic Health Plan. *(See flyer in bulletin for more details)*
3. March 17, After All Masses – Letter Writing – Letters will be prepared for signing in the vestibule after Mass supporting the priority issues listed above. All you have to do is provide your return address and sign letters for your representatives. The letters will be delivered during Catholic Advocacy Day.
4. March 22, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Olympia WA – Catholic Advocacy Day – Remember to register in advance. Buses depart from Seattle, Tacoma and the Eastside and arrive at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Parish in Olympia. The program begins at 9:30 am and transportation from St. Michael's is provided to the Capitol in time for legislative appointments at 12:00. Buses return to their departure points by 3:00 pm. For more information on the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day consult the following website: <http://www.ccsww.org>

If you have questions, please contact Vince Herberholt at 206.491.4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net

Ignatian Spirituality for Men: In the Steps of Ignatius II

God Meets You Where You Are: An Experience of Ignatian Prayer

Saturday, March 16, 2013, 8:30 – 11:30 am
St. Joseph Parish Center (Arrupe Room)

Men of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to come together for the second of three offerings of Ignatian spirituality especially for men. This morning will include gathering with coffee and light breakfast between 8:30 and 9:00 am, followed by presenter Jeff McDougall, S.J. presenting and facilitating an experience of Ignatian prayer. There will be time for individual and group prayer and reflection on the experience. You may choose to attend one or both of these mornings of prayer and reflection. Join other men interested in integrating spirituality into daily life! Free will offering. Please RSVP to Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator at (206) 329-4824 x3 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center, Vince Herberholt coordinating.

Celebrate the Life of Oscar Romero Wednesday March 20th

Each year on March 24, the people of El Salvador and around the world commemorate the life of Roman Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated as he celebrated Mass in the chapel of a San Salvador hospital. It is believed that he was silenced due his criticism of human rights abuses during the Salvadoran Civil War. In honor of his memory, St. Josephs' The Voice and Sister Parish Committee will be showing the fantastic documentary **Monseñor, the Last Journey of Oscar Romero on Wednesday, March 20th @ 7pm in the school's Auditorium.** Please join us to celebrate his life and learn more about the history of the Salvadoran people. For more information, please contact Daniel Stoner (danielppd@gmail.com).



St. Patrick's Day CÉILÍ



Céilí (kay-lee) is. A night of Irish food, dance and entertainment for all ages



Saturday, March 16, 2013

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Wyckoff Gym

Kids Raffle at 8:00!
Adult Raffle, too!

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- 6:00 Doors open; beverages available
- 6:30 Buffet Family Dinner – Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and dinner rolls
- 7-10 Live traditional Irish music by "Mooncoyne"
Dancing by *Baile Glas Irish Dancers*
- 8:00 Potluck desserts*

***Please bring dessert for 8-10 people in ready-to-serve portions**

Make your reservations early – this event is always a sell-out!!

Please detach form below and return with payment to Parish Center or school Special Events Office

Or visit www.stjosephparish.org to reserve online

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$40.00/family: #adults_____ #children_____

OR TOTAL PAID:\$_____

\$15.00/adult #_____ x \$15.00 = _____
(1 complimentary beverage with each paid adult ticket)

\$5.00/child #_____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

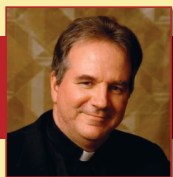
School parent volunteer hours available. Please indicate what you are interested in.

_____ Setup _____ Clean-up

Price includes dinner. Beer and Wine available for \$ 4.00 each. Payment **must** accompany form to secure reservation. Make check payable to **St. Joseph Church**. **Sorry, no refunds.**

Please contact Rebecca Frisino with questions at (206) 965-1648 or rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org

BOOK TALKS WITH AUTHOR



Fr. Patrick Kelly, SJ

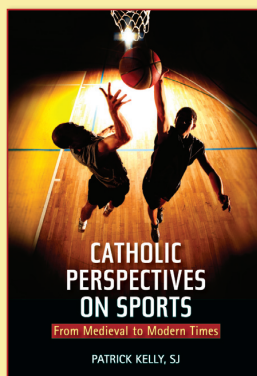
March 8, 2013 at 7 p.m.

ELLIOT BAY BOOKSTORE
1521 10th Ave
Seattle, WA 98122

Discussing and signing his book:

Catholic Perspectives on Sports

From Medieval to Modern Times
PAULIST PRESS, publisher

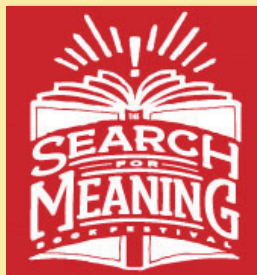


March 9, 2013 at 2:15 p.m.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY'S
Search for Meaning Festival
901 12th Ave. Piggott, 304
Seattle, WA 98122

This talk is titled:

"Homo Ludens Revisited: Playing Sport and Human Flourishing"



Fr. Kelly's talks will provide a provocative look at how Catholics have engaged in play and sports from the medieval period to the 20th century in the United States and how this engagement has been related to theological and spiritual sensibilities.

Patrick Kelly, SJ, is associate professor of theology and religious studies at Seattle University, where he teaches groundbreaking new courses about sports and theology.



Paulist Press 997 Macarthur Boulevard, Mahwah • www.paulistpress.com

Listen to a Catholic Perspective on Sports

Why has so little been written on the clear intersections between sports and spirituality in the Catholic worldview? Because Catholics sometimes forget the importance of not only the physical body, but also the virtues of play, relaxation and enjoyment. Patrick Kelly's fascinating new book looks at the rich connections between "physical" topics (the body, athletics, competition and exercise) and "spiritual" ones (theology, prayer, worship and salvation). This provocative study may change the way you play – and pray.

James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*

More Information at
www.bandofsistersmovie.com



Band of Sisters - a new documentary film about Catholic sisters in the U.S. and their work for social justice - **IS COMING TO SEATTLE!**



SEARCH FOR MEANING BOOK FESTIVAL

Advance Film Screening

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 at 7PM

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, PIGOTT AUDITORIUM

*Gracious & merciful God, we are your Church;
your People assembled, hear us when we call!*

*Bless your servant, Benedict XVI,
as he lays down the ministry of the papacy.*

*Give him years & vitality,
a strong mind & a peaceful heart,
to proclaim your praise in his new life ahead.*

*Bless, too, the Cardinals of the Church,
charged with selecting a successor to Peter.
Open their hearts to the Spirit in the Church
& their minds to the mind of Christ.*

*May they choose one beloved to you,
in whom the Spirit of Jesus holds sway.*

*O bless us all, dear God, that we might be one:
diverse & united, challenged & loving,*

obedient & transformative,

in the manner of your Son, who lives & reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever. Amen.



A Prayer for the Church & Her Leadership