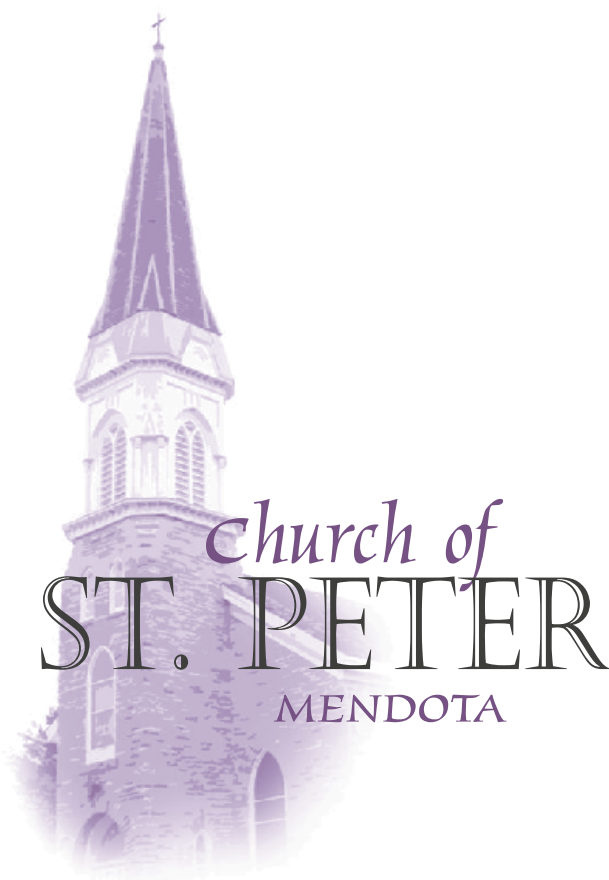




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March 3, 2013



Third
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From the Pastor's Desk

Without a doubt, this year the character of Lent is quite unusual in that most Catholics and a large number of other interested parties are wondering about the process of choosing a new pope. As of February 28 the See (seat of authority) of St. Peter has fallen vacant. Perhaps by the time you read this the date of the beginning of the conclave will have been made public. On whatever that day will be, the members of the College of Cardinals who are younger than 80 years old will enter the conclave to elect a new Bishop of Rome. The latest news is that on Friday, February 22 Pope Benedict issued a document named *Normas Nonnullas* that will allow the cardinal-electors, if they are all present and a majority agree, to waive the 15-day waiting period after a pontificate ends and start the conclave early. On Tuesday, February 26 it was announced that in retirement the Holy Father will be known as “His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope-Emeritus,” and that he will continue to wear white.

A very logical question to ask at this point is, “What is a cardinal?” A cardinal is a man who is the honorary pastor of one of the parishes of the Diocese of Rome. Their most important duty as cardinals is to travel to the Vatican upon the death of a pope and elect a new pope. Many centuries ago, the parish priests of Rome served as cardinals. Today, diocesan priests serve as the pastors of Roman parishes, while the archbishops of important archdioceses around the world, or archbishops who lead certain offices of the Church in Vatican City, are named the “titular pastors” (honorary pastors) of those Roman parishes. (Actually, the Diocese of Rome has 338 parishes, according to its own website, but there can be a maximum of only 120 cardinals. There are apparently 123 parishes that could have cardinals as titular pastors, but how those are determined I do not know.) In the United States, the Archdioceses of Baltimore, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Galveston-Houston are normally the cities whose archbishops are also named cardinals. In Church parlance, they are “cardinalatial sees” (a term so specialized that I wonder if it is perhaps just made up!). Three of those cities (Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles) are headed by archbishops who are not cardinals at present, since the retired archbishops are cardinals who are under age 80 and can vote in a conclave. Usually an archbishop of one of those important cities can expect to wait until his predecessor is over 80 years old before he himself would be named a cardinal. Another fact about archdioceses that are important enough to be headed by a cardinal: changing demographics sometimes cause a city to lose that high honor. Years ago, the archbishops of St.

Louis and Detroit would become cardinals, but apparently not any more. Conversely, Galveston-Houston recently made a rapid rise: it was headed by bishops for more than 150 years, and then beginning in 2004 by an archbishop, and then beginning in 2007 by a cardinal.

By the time this bulletin is published, Pope Benedict's renunciation of the papacy will already have taken effect. I suspect that on Friday a General Congregation, made up of those cardinals who have already arrived in Rome, would have begun to make decisions about the date of the conclave, which now can begin earlier than the mid-March date that would have been necessary until the recent modification. During the *Sede Vacante* (the vacancy of the Holy See), the Catholic Church will be administered by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, S.D.B., whose title is *Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church*. Cardinal Bertone, a Salesian, has been the Vatican Secretary of State since 2006, and Pope Benedict gave him the additional responsibility of camerlengo (or chamberlain) in 2007. It might be the case that the responsibilities of the camerlengo only are felt during a vacancy, but at that time they are many.

Once the conclave begins, the cardinals are locked in (*conclave* means “with a key”), or at least they used to be locked in. A kind of indoor tent city used to be set up for the cardinals, who were not permitted to leave the area of the Sistine Chapel. John Paul II made matters much more comfortable for the cardinals when he rewrote the rules about the election of a pope. Now the balloting takes place in the Sistine Chapel, but the cardinals are allowed to leave the Chapel to sleep in St. Martha's Residence on the other side of St. Peter's Basilica. There are 117 cardinals under 80 and who are thus eligible to enter the conclave. One of them, from Indonesia, will not be attending because his eyesight is failing. As you have perhaps heard, the only cardinal-electors from Great Britain – a Scotsman – has resigned amid a scandal and will not attend the conclave. That leaves 115 cardinal-electors. A two-thirds majority is needed to elect a pope, and there will be one ballot taken on the first day, and two each day after that. There are far more detailed rules, but what is most important is that the cardinal-electors open themselves to the Holy Spirit to guide them as they choose another successor of St. Peter. Let us, too, call upon the Holy Spirit to guide the cardinals. We ought to remember that this is not a process of angling for a political position, but is instead a process of determining God's choice for the servant-leader of his people. Soon we will hear these words: *Annnuntio vobis gaudium magnum. Habemas papam! I announce to you a great joy. We have a Pope!*

Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Reconciliation Services for Grades 3-8

On Wednesday, March 6, grades 3-8 will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their regular class times. Students will go to their classroom as usual and then will go to the church as a class. Parents and family are welcome to join us and participate in the Sacrament as well. Grades 1 & 2 will have class as normally scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311.

First Communion Program

Saturday, March 9, is the Mini-Retreat for all students in the First Communion Program. Students need to be here by 9:00 a.m. Parents will return at 11:25 for a rehearsal, pot luck lunch, and banner making. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311.

Kids' Change for Kids

The children of St. Peter's have adopted a child from Uganda. All children are asked to bring in money that they have earned and place it in one of the cans marked KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS. The cans are in every classroom. Please talk to your child about the importance of helping those less fortunate—it will make a difference in their lives. Thank you!

Random Acts of Kindness

The **Random Acts of Kindness cross** is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend ourselves out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!

Welcome, New Parishioners



The Church of St. Peter would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

Bill and Jean Esslinger and family

Barbara Fillion

Cecilia Frost

Dan and Missie Hickey

David McMahon and Kelly Kieser and family

We are excited to have you join our faith community!

Pastoral Ministry



An Interdenominational Coalition
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Paul will speak on
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Tuesday, March 5

Church of St. Peter, Mendota

Registration, 6:30 p.m.;

Speaker, 7:00 p.m.;

Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Donation per session: \$3

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or
email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

St. Peter's Group Trip— American Swedish Institute

Join us for another fun trip on Wednesday, March 13. We will be going to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis for a tour and lunch. The bus will depart after the 9:00 weekday Mass and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. We will have a private guided tour before the museum opens, plenty of time for exploration on our own and shopping in their amazing gift shop, then enjoy a catered lunch in a private room. The cost of the trip is \$35/person or \$60/couple. Registration is required before Tuesday, March 5. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Lenten Alms

This year alms collected at St. Peter's throughout Lent will be donated to the Pour Yourself Out fund drive for the Eagan & Lakeville Resources Center. This organization, deeply rooted in the Gospel, serves families in Dakota County with dignity and respect. They provide healthy, fresh food support to over 1,000 of our neighbors each month. For every \$1 you contribute, they can provide \$10 in food for one of your neighbors, co-workers or friends. If you have questions regarding the hunger ministry they provide, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 2/18/13-2/24/13	\$12,765
Actual for the period 2/18/13-2/24/13	\$12,609
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$599,790
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$578,039

2013 Catholic Services Appeal



The Appeal began two weeks ago. Our goal at St. Peter's this year is **\$52,531**. So far, **\$38,320** has been pledged or paid in full by the members of our parish. We have reached 73% of our goal.

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, pick up an envelope on the information counter or in the parish office and return through Sunday collections or in the parish office by Wednesday, March 20. All names will be listed in our Easter bulletin.



Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church **on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass**

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
**"Could you not watch with me one hour?
 Watch and pray."**

For more information
 please contact Jane Vasiliou
 at 651-454-5292
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jvasiliou@comcast.net.



Begins next Sunday
 March 10
 2 a.m.

Fridays, March 8, 15, 22
 7-7:35 p.m.
 Main Church



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Penance Service

Thursday, March 14
 7 p.m.
 Main Church

Individual Confessions

Wednesday, March 27
 7-8 p.m.
 Main Church



Spiritual Formation

St. Peter's pastoral ministry very pleased to be able to offer a terrific opportunity to grow in faith this Lent. Joining us will be Dr. Jacquelyne M. Witter, a much sought after speaker on matters of spirituality and faith. She is a retreat leader, presenter, facilitator, and spiritual director. She has presented at parish, regional, diocesan and national retreats and conferences and teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and St. John's University in Collegeville. To register for this exciting presentation or for further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

From Good to Great: The Grace of Ordinary Holiness
 Sunday, March 10
 4-6 p.m.

Heritage Center

\$12/person before March 8, \$15/person at the door

Do you know anyone who is holy? Do you think it's possible or desirable for real people in real life? One person answered this question by saying, "I think I can be good, but I doubt I will ever be holy—that's for special people who don't have to deal with all the things I do." But Christ calls each of us to holiness, regardless of the circumstances of our life. And Christ gives each of us the grace to be holy! Holiness leads to happiness as we become the people Christ created us to be. Come and see what that means—for real people leading real lives.

The Next Week

Monday, March 4

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice,
 Heritage Center
 6:30 pm Rediscover Book Club,
 Conference Room I
 7 pm Prayer Committee, Conference Room III

Tuesday, March 5

Loaves & Fishes

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
 12 Noon Rediscover Book Club,
 Conference Room II
 1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
 6:30 pm Growing Through Loss, Heritage Center

Wednesday, March 6

- 9 am **Mass, Main Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
 1 pm Rediscover Book Club,
 Conference Room II
 4:30 pm Grades 1-5 Classes
 6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Classes
 7 pm Choir, Conference Room I

Thursday, March 7

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
 7 pm Bible Study, Family Room
 7 pm Rediscover Book Club,
 Community Room

Friday, March 8

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 7-7:35 pm **Stations of the Cross, Main Church**

Saturday, March 9

- 9 am First Eucharist Mini Retreat
 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
 After Mass:
 St. Patrick's Dinner Reservations

Sunday, March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
 9 am Sunday School
 10 am Confirmation Class
 After Masses:
 St. Patrick's Dinner Reservations
 4 pm *From Good to Great: The Grace of
 Ordinary Holiness*, Speaker: Dr.
 Jacquelyne Witter, Heritage Center
 6:30 pm Youth Group

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Readings for the Week of March 3

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Mass Intentions

**The following are the intentions remembered
by the priest at Mass:**

Monday, March 4 - †John McQuillan

Tuesday, March 5 - †Sherman Isham

Wednesday, March 6 - †John Clifford

Thursday, March 7 - †Albert Trettel

Friday, March 8 - †Bob O'Neill

Saturday, March 9 - Mass For the People

Sunday, March 10 - 9 a.m. - †Lucille & †Claud
Shrader

11 a.m. - †Kathleen Indihar Broome

Liturgical Ministry Postcards

A postcard and/or email has been sent out to all liturgical ministers requesting availability dates and preferred ministries. Please return to the parish office, email or call in your requests by Sunday, March 17. If you have not received a postcard but would like to be scheduled, please contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

The May 4 through September 1 schedules will be available and distributed in mid April. If you have not yet indicated your availability for these months, or no longer are interested in serving in your ministry, please contact Sara Rogers at the phone number or email address above and indicate the dates you are **NOT** available during this time period. **The deadline for indicating unavailable dates is Sunday, March 17.** Thank you!

Happy St. Patrick's Day



The Council of Catholic Women and St. Peter's Men's Club is sponsoring an Irish dinner in Heritage Center on Sunday, March 17, after the 11:00 Mass. Come join us for a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, as well as dessert and Irish beverages. We will have a limerick contest, a raffle and entertainment.

The cost is \$15 per person—ages 10 and over—and family packages are available for \$30 with children under 10. Sign up after all Masses on March 2/3 and March 9/10. Your **paid** reservation is your ticket.

Global Solidarity Sunday Next Weekend

Next Sunday has been designated Global Solidarity Sunday in our Archdiocese. As we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters worldwide, we help those hungry and thirsty for God's love and healing. You are invited to join in solidarity by giving to a special collection for four initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. Thank you.



University of St. Thomas Football Coach Glenn Caruso to Speak at Archdiocesan Men's Conference March 16

Glenn Caruso, University of Saint Thomas head football coach and Division III National Coach of the Year, will speak about his winning strategy for life at the 2013 Archdiocesan Men's Conference. Coach Caruso led the Tommies to a school-record 14 wins and the program's first trip to the NCAA championship game in the 2012 season. Men from across the Archdiocese are invited to the 2013 Men's Conference—to be held **Saturday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the **University of Saint Thomas Fieldhouse** in Saint Paul. The conference, titled **"Marathon Not a Sprint"** also features Archbishop John Nienstedt, men's Chaplain Father Bill Baer and Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Winona, Raymond de Souza. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to come together to celebrate your Catholic faith and your life in Christ! Register [online](#) today or call 651-291-4488.

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month



Minnesota FoodShare is an annual campaign in March to help replenish supplies for Minnesota's food shelves. During the month of March Neighbors Food Shelf records and reports its receipts by weighing the pounds of food donated and counting the dollars contributed. These totals are reported to the Minnesota FoodShare office to determine proportional allocations. All dollars and food donated to our food shelf stays at Neighbors. A donation of cash or food to Neighbors Food Shelf goes directly to families in our area.

Again this year Neighbors has the opportunity to maximize your donation through a challenge grant from the Feinstein Foundation. The Feinstein Foundation supports food shelves by providing funds to agencies based on how much money raised during the month of March. Thank you for your support!

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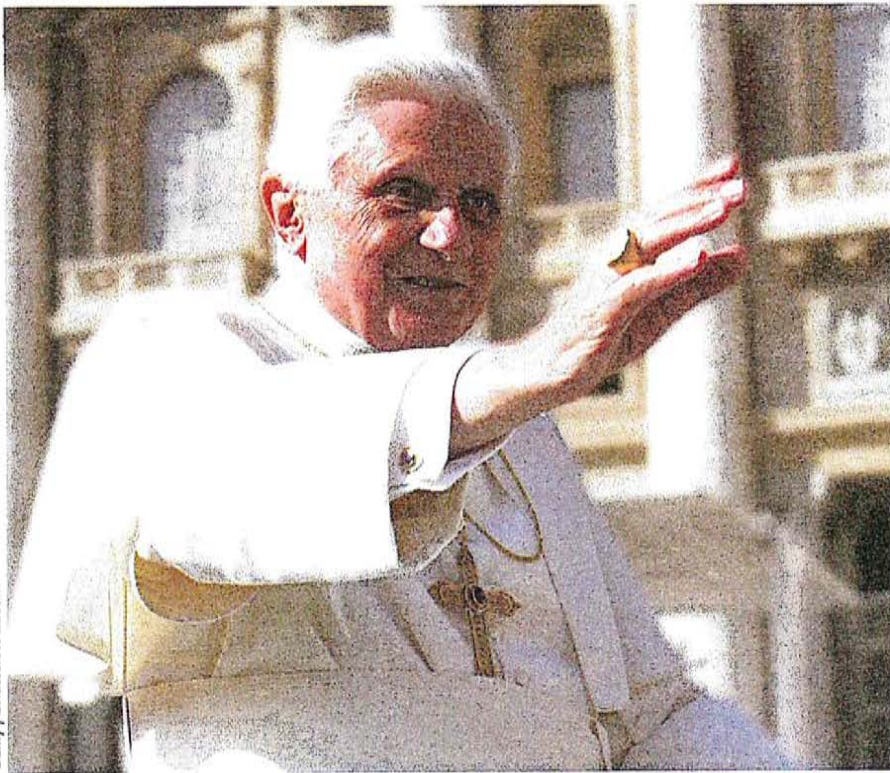
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Being Catholic *"is not a kind of clothing to be worn privately or on special occasions, but it is something living and all-encompassing, capable of assimilating all that is good in modern times."*

—Pope Benedict XVI

He Opened the Doors of Faith

In what we now know were his final months in the pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a Year of Faith to awaken Catholics around the world to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In this holy year, we are called to live as "joy-filled witnesses" to the Gospel so that we might become "living signs of the presence of the risen Lord in the world" (*Porta Fidei*, 15). True to the mission of his papacy, Pope Benedict XVI continued the mission of Blessed John Paul II to make the name of Jesus Christ known and loved throughout the world.

A Historic Resignation

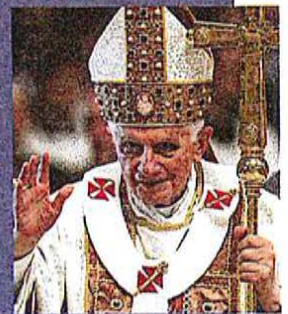
We never imagined that Pope Benedict XVI would step away from his office as the head of the Catholic Church; after all, no pope has resigned from the chair of St. Peter for almost 600 years!

Pope Benedict cited his advanced age and health as his primary reasons for stepping down, saying, "In today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary."

His decision shows great humility and love for the Church. If you think about it, the pressures and stresses of caring for a Church of 1.2 billion souls would be significant on anyone, so imagine what it has been on Pope Benedict, who is 85 years old.

The Church's own legal code, called Canon Law, allows for the resignation of a pope, as long as the decision is made freely and communicated properly. This is why Pope Benedict

says in his communiqué, "with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome."



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In His Own Words

A prolific writer, Pope Benedict added three major encyclicals to his many books, speeches and theological papers. His encyclicals are beneficial for all Catholics to read and have much to teach us about God's love in the modern world.



■ **Deus Caritas Est** ("God is Love"), December 25, 2005

In his first encyclical, Pope Benedict explores the meaning of love as Christ calls us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The pope teaches that in Jesus divine love in all of its dimensions takes flesh dramatically and fully.

■ **Spe Salvi** ("Saved by Hope"), November 30, 2007

Pope Benedict's second encyclical teaches us about the depth and breadth of the virtue of hope. "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety." (31)

■ **Caritas in Veritate** ("Charity in Truth"), June 29, 2009

In his third and final encyclical, Pope Benedict seeks to proclaim a new vision for the world based on the social teachings of the Church.

In his homily at his Inaugural Mass in April 2005, Pope Benedict asked for our prayers,

My dear friends – at this moment I can only say: pray for me, that I may learn to love the Lord more and more. Pray for me, that I may learn to love his flock more and more – in other words, you, the holy Church, each one of you and all of you together. Pray for me, that I may not flee for fear of the wolves. Let us pray for one another, that the Lord will carry us and that we will learn to carry one another.

And as he completes his ministry as bishop of Rome, Pope Benedict reaches out to us once again, this time using the modern means of Twitter to share a timeless and welcome message:

We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but his grace transforms us and makes us new.

What's next for Pope Benedict?

Because there can only be one living person with the title of "pope," he will no longer be called Pope Benedict. He will serve as the "bishop emeritus of Rome." He plans to spend his time in prayer and reflection on behalf of the Church he has already served for so many years. It is fitting that, after a life full of such hard work and dedication, Pope Benedict should be able to spend some time in peace and quiet, with the God he has served so diligently.



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Will Pope Benedict vote for his successor?

No. By canon law, he will not vote for the next pope because he is over 80 years of age. He will not even be in the Vatican with the cardinals when they do vote in the March conclave.

WE BELIEVE

The bishop of the Church of Rome, successor to St. Peter, is "head of the college of bishops, the Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the universal Church on earth," according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (936). The pope's primary responsibility is preserving the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray and believe that the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in the selection of a new pope.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, we thank you for the wisdom and talents you have bestowed upon your servant, Pope Benedict XVI. May we continue to grow in our understanding of the lessons he taught us through his words and deeds. We pray for Your guidance during this time of transition. Amen.