

A MESSAGE FROM FR.RICHARD.....

Dear Friends,

The festival of the Pentecost (Spirit) and the celebration of the nature of God as "Trinity" (or 'eternal-dynamic-relating-embracing') have begun a new task and mission for the Church, the people of God! Since Advent, we have rehearsed the life and ministry of Jesus in the world. But now, we are focused on what the Spirit brings to life in God's people. Jesus lived in our midst as the One who healed ancient feuds, united people, granted prosperity, healed sickness and liberated the marginalized. Jesus did not tolerate fixing people "into their place," by social or economic criteria, but taught we all belong to each other, and we are well only when we are all well.

Now it is our turn. The ministry begun in Jesus is shared with us here and now.

The Spirit can replicate the soul of Christ in us, teaching us where and how to serve. So when the Spirit makes you thirsty for a better outcome, or helps you see a place to put your hand to a decision that would shed benefit more widely, or would comfort the one who feels tentative about the course of their life, or their loved ones, dare to step into Eternity and invite them to follow you there. "Go into all Nations and baptize and teach" (per St. Matthew).....by offering the embrace of the Risen Christ, and standing with the forgotten ones. Teach peace.

I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore