

Covenant Life

- **Today** we will have an in-person prayer meeting at 4pm in the MSM gym - looking forward to seeing you. Please bring someone with you.
 - In June, we will meet on the 1st and 4th Sundays, June 5th and 26th
 - In July, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, July 10th and 24th
- On Saturday June 11th Fr. Michal Markiewicz will lead our Day of Renewal from 9am to 2pm at MSM. Please save this date - more details soon.
- Two announcements from the Dallas Diocese Synod team:
 - The June 11th Listening Session on Marriage and Family. It will be at St. Mark's Catholic School in Plano. Register at this registration link.
 - The Dallas Synod Show will be broadcast on the first Friday of every month, at 4:00pm CST on 910AM KATH.
- 2022 is a year to refresh our covenant commitment. A simplified version is here: [Covenant Recommitment](#). Please review and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the area He wants to recommit to. Chris Coxon shared about [Praise and Worship](#) and John Wagner shared about [Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading](#).
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), and read the Word Gift summary [here](#) or the transcript [here](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

Listening to the Holy Spirit while reading the readings today, these [Gospel](#) verses caught my attention: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

One of the reasons these verses are so meaningful to me is the number of times that I heard our founder, Bobbie Cavnar, use them. He brought them up when asked why God called us to be a Community, what our Community priority was, what our Community mission was...it seemed the answer to so many questions.

Over the years I have pondered this and see truth in it. If we really love one another, we not only fulfill the greatest commandment, but we also shine the light of Christ bright as a witness.

In every age and time there are unique challenges to living the call of these words. In earlier Community days we lived more interconnected lives and had more opportunities to express our love. I recall regular calls out for help...help with meals, help with prayer, help to fix our homes, help to build fences, help with childcare, help moving, help to setup for events... Many families were living week to week with many challenges and we built Community through our continued Yes to one another.

Today it seems we are all a little more well off, we can hire help with many tasks, we can turn to other groups and even the internet...we seem to have more options for help which is good in one sense but challenging in another. Not turning to our covenant sisters and brothers and being candid about our needs limits our ability to serve one another and express our love.

Most people are hesitant to ask for help. There are many reasons for this, and they are all valid. The issue is that we are a covenant Community on a journey together to our Lord and our interconnected relationships are a foundation of our Yes to our covenant. God called us to be His people and that means that we lay down our lives for one another. It is hard to do that if we are not interconnected enough and vulnerable enough to share the areas of our lives where we need help.

My simple request for this week is that we respond in some real way to Jesus' call to love one another in two ways. First, the next conversation you have with a covenant sister or brother, ask them if there is any way you can love or serve them. Second, when you are asked by a covenant sister or brother of a way you can be loved or served, be vulnerable and share. Invite the Lord to lead us closer to one another and to Him by being His disciples by really loving and caring for one another.

Let us pray, "Jesus, we thank You for the example of selfless love You modeled for us. We want to walk this path in our daily lives and love You by loving one another. Lead us this week to show this love to our sisters and brother and help us to be open to the areas of our lives where our sisters and brothers can help us. I love You Jesus, be my Lord and Savior!"

God Bless,
David