

July 11, 2021
From Fr. Jim . . .

In His Image and We are all one in the Body of Christ: "In His Image" was created by artist William Zdinak. The abstract face of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns is formed by arranging faces of familiar, popular, well-known, famous people, leaders, activists, inventors, scientists, presidents, and popes. You can recognize many faces such as Dr. Jonas Salk, Robert Kennedy, Mahatma Gandhi, John F. Kennedy, Pope John XXIII, Martin Luther King, Fulton Sheen, Pope Paul VI, and Alexander Graham Bell. There are also faces that you may not recognize like members of the artist's family.

Zdinak was a very successful advertising art director who had everything, a great job, a loving family, the perfect life, until an unexpected accident caused him to lose almost everything. Through his faith, God's love, and the love of his family, Zdinak was able to overcome his hardship and create an amazing work of art entitled "In His Image." "In His Image" is the image of God in the face of Jesus formed by the faces of humankind. Zdinak has said that "it really doesn't matter which persons are depicted because we are all one in Christ."

St. Paul often refers to the church as the Body of Christ and he uses the human body as an image and metaphor for the Body of Christ. There are many parts but only one body. No part can stand alone. All parts must come together to allow the body to function well and for the body to be complete. No part is greater than another. To hurt one part of the body is to hurt the whole body. To help one part of the body is to help the whole body. If one member suffers then everyone suffers. If one member rejoices then everyone rejoices. Age, race, creed, gender doesn't matter. The Lord loves us all. God lives in all of us. He suffered, died, and rose for all of us. We are all one in the love of God. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord, Jesus Christ. There is one faith, one Lord and one Baptism and one God and Father of us all.

We are God's Family. We are the Body of Christ in the world today. We live in his Image. We make his presence known. We continue the mission of the Lord to heal, forgive, baptize and preach. We are his feet and hands and mouth. When we are together at prayer, doing the Lord's work and glorifying the Lord with our lives, others can see the face of God. We look like Christ and act like him and love others like he loves us. His presence is real in and through us. We are one in his image.

We celebrated the Spirit of our unity last week at our annual parish Culture Fest. We had the largest crowd of people ever. Our regular six o'clock Mass was outside because of the beautiful weather and large number of people. Our prayer and praise of God echoed through the streets not only with the Eucharistic sacrifice but all day and some of the night with different music groups playing, singing, and praying. The Theme is always "We are One as the Body of Christ." And as always, we shared beautiful, delicious Latino food. A nice net profit was made this year that will support our parish operations. All my thanks and gratitude to our parish staff and Latino community for their generosity, time, talent, hard work and effort to express and show our unity in Christ and our love for God and all God's people.

Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at: RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX



You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

SuCasa Event at St. Leo's- We invite you to participate in our distribution of food, personal protection equipment, diapers, toys, and other items. **On Sunday July 11th right after 10:30 a.m. Mass.** There will be an opportunity to get the COVID-19 vaccine nearby St. Leo's provided by the Cincinnati Health Department.

Youth Program Summer Events

Monday, **July 12**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm

Monday, **July 19**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm

Friday, **July 23**, St. Leo Youth Day 9:00am – 12:00pm

Monday, **July 26**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm

Monday, **August 2**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, **August 4**, End of Summer Party 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, **August 14**, Day of Hope 12:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday, **August 15**, St. Leo Backpacks

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is Hiring!- There are full – time and part-time positions open in Mental Health Services, Immigration Legal Services, Language Services, Refugee Resettlement, and Mission Advancement. For a complete list of openings, please visit www.ccswoh.org/careers or reach out to Human Resources at hrd@ccswoh.org or call 513.672.3713.

"Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."~~ Pope Francis