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Stories on the co-responsibility of the laity: A primer

***The laity are not mere collaborators or cooperators with the clergy.
They bear co-responsibility for the Church.***

When I was growing up in Connecticut during the fifties and early sixties, good Catholic boys made their First Penance and Communion and then were confirmed as they entered adolescence. This was performed with assembly-line precision. To be fit for Confirmation only meant you attended the necessary classes and had received the earlier sacraments. If you attended, you got confirmed. I don't recall anyone being personally challenged

and asked if they believed they were ready for Confirmation. We were conformist. We were compliant and we were expected to live according to a code. We weren't supposed to lie, cheat, steal, get into unnecessary fistfights, or engage in immodest or impure acts. "Don't do these things" ruled the day. We weren't interested enough to ask, "What *do* we do?" Getting the sacraments and adhering to this moral code defined whether we were

decent laymen or not. We were also told to say our prayers, just like we were expected to say the Pledge of Allegiance. This was routine. Fail to comply and you were suspected as a troubled teen.

But over-compliance was also a problem. Catch an adolescent boy praying alone in the Church and it was assumed he was priest material. This was especially true if he had been an altar boy. That's how low the

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The apostolate of the laity— friendship with the Lord Jesus

Some see friendship with the Lord Jesus as a reward for holiness, which is, of course, exactly backward. Friendship with the Lord Jesus is the means for holiness, not the reward for it.



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Previous page: Photo of Vatican City viewed from the top of St. Peter's; photo by Caleb Miller on Unsplash.

"I **no longer** call you servants, I call you friends." What an amazing thing for the Lord Jesus to say! We would never dare presume to call Him "friend" if it weren't His idea in the first place. But it was His idea—He calls us friends!

Who is that addressed to? Some may think that since the particular circumstances of Him saying that were addressing the apostles that it was meant only for them. Yet we see in the Scriptures that it was a common way for disciples of the Lord Jesus to refer to each other (see 3 Jn 15). The saints are frequently referred to as "the friends of God." That title is used regardless of whether they were lay or religious or clerics, let alone apostles.

The King of Kings has, in fact, called all of us His "friends," and invites us to walk in that intimate friendship. As the great St. Teresa of Jesus put it, "Since Jesus has so few friends, it's important that the friends He has be good ones!"

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For the laity in particular, this friendship with the Lord Jesus places a great call on their lives to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, living it out in the midst of their families, their jobs, and all the circumstances of their lives.

Jesus is the means for holiness, not the reward for it. It is only through our union with the Lord Jesus that His transforming grace, working in our hearts through the Spirit He has given us, makes us the holy people of God He has called us to be. It is only His power, His Spirit, Who enables us to fulfill His commands, walking in His friendship.

This friendship is not the gift only to a particular class or group of Christians. It is for all of those who call on the Name of the Lord. It is for all of those who have been baptized:

Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ...are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity. (*The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #44*)

As the Church still struggles to rid herself of the pernicious heresy that only some, e.g. the clergy or the religious, are called to deeper union with the Lord Jesus, we must remind each other that we are all called to full union with the Lord Jesus; that we are all invited to walk in full friendship with Him.

The result of our taking that friendship seriously should be that we each try to live out that friendship in the concrete circumstances of our lives. This may, from a practical point of view, look different for laity than for clergy than for religious, etc., but the point is that each of us is called to live it out.

For the laity in particular, that means that this friendship with the Lord Jesus places a great call on their lives to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, living it out in the midst of their families, their jobs, and all the circumstances of their lives. This we can only do with more of Him. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! — *Fr. Ed Fride*

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spirituality bar was for laity. Laity just didn't pray on their own and without a missal or rosary. If you over-performed you weren't meant to be laity. You needed to be booted up to a higher league—priesthood or religious life.

In my home and neighborhood, we practiced separation of priests and lay people. To enter a rectory was rare, and you'd look for the holy water fount as you passed through the front door. Priests were holy; churches were holy places. We weren't. Spiritual disciplines were for priests and religious. The world with the moral compromises involved with business, politics, sex, family life, and raising kids was for lay people. After all, most canonized saints were priests or religious. Lay people rarely made it into the liturgical calendar.

St. Francis de Sales and others knew this was wrong-headed and bad-hearted. And in recent times, the Second Vatican Council worked to remedy this false split-level, two-tiered spirituality. The Council Fathers taught that the clergy, religious, and laity together constituted the People of God. Yes, there were distinct roles, like different positions on a ball team. Both, however, shared responsibility for bearing witness to Christ's Kingdom. Laity were called to apostolic service as

well as clergy. "Upon all the laity, therefore, rests the noble duty of working to extend the divine plan of salvation to all men of each epoch. Consequently, may every opportunity be given them so that

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they may zealously participate in the saving work of the Church!" (*Lumen Gentium* 4:33).

The Council Fathers dedicated an entire document to the "apostolate of lay people." All popes since have urged the "co-responsibility of the lay faithful." The Canadian bishops released a document with that title and the U.S. Bishops have published on it as well. Yet, most lay Catholics never discover their spiritual gifts given to build up the Body of Christ. The priest often seems to be the only one "called."

I have a recurring day-dream. Some Sunday morning when I'm out of town and not apt to be recognized, I'm seized by a mischievous impulse to perplex a stranger.

I go to an unfamiliar church and can't resist breaking up the safe monotony associated with "going to Mass," "going to church." You've heard the phrase, "Will wonders never cease?" For many Catholics wonder has ceased. The Mass reduces to mere obligation and routine. I'm guilty at times but it galls me that I can turn the Heavenly Banquet into something more akin to picking up fast food at Taco Bell.

So before Mass, I ask some usherly-looking fellow, "Where are your ministers?" My Catholic usher looks baffled and says, "We don't have ministers, we have priests," and then points, "Look. Fr. Randall is in the back. See! He's the one dressed, uh... like a priest."

I press harder. "Well, I can see he's a priest, but I'm looking for your ministers." Usher is experiencing wonder. He wonders if I am of sound mind.

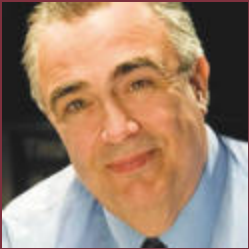
I push on. "I want to see the ministers. I want to see who is responsible for building this church." Relieved, he says, "Oh, I see. I'm sorry. I've never heard them called ministers before. Do you want the name of the architect or the general contractor?"

"No, I am not asking who put up the walls or installed the plumbing. I want to know who is responsible for getting all

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The equipped laity bear witness to Christ in the world. The goal is building up the Body of Christ, attaining to maturity and showing forth the Son of God.



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these people here." "Well that's Fr. Randall's job. People like him. His homilies are short. He does a good Mass, tells a good joke." Hmm. Maybe I should start a *Consumers Reports* for priests and churches.

The imp in me is rising. "Really? If you had to score him on a scale of 5 stars, what would you give him?" Now Usher gets the game. He scores movies all the time. He chuckles. "Oh, I'd say you can count on him for a 3 and a half to four pointer just about every week." "Not bad", I say. "But if I told you that Fr. Ben over at Holy Family never dips below 4, would you consider hiring him?" Perplexity is now settling in the red of his face. Curtly he replies: "We don't hire. The bishop appoints."

I'm not done. "If he's the reason people are coming here, then you or the bishop should get real and shop around. Recruit the best performer you can get. That's the way to build up attendance. Maybe on really good homily days, Fr. Randall can do an encore performance between Masses."

Silence before Mass gives him the opportunity to be silent. I conclude by saying, "Good morning, my name is Al, and I'm yanking your chain because, as important as Fr.

Randall is, he is not the only one to build the Church. Read Ephesians 4:11-16 when you get the chance."

Usher is a good egg but now he's simmering in some hot water. He asks, "Ephesians... that's a Bible book, right?"

Ephesians 4:11-16 charts the proper relationship between clergy and laity.

"Yep. Not hard to find. Think: Go Eat Pop Corn! Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Chapter four, start at verse eleven."

This text charts the proper relationship between clergy and laity. Read it. St. Paul gives us a partial list of Christ's gifted men to the Church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. What is their task? To equip the lay faithful to do works of ministry and build up the church, the Body of Christ. Clergy serves the laity by training, equipping them to do the work of ministry and service.

The pastor/priest effectively coaches a team of laity. They take the field, i.e., the world. The laity plays the game. They bring home the trophies. The

equipped laity bear witness to Christ in the world. The goal is building up the Body of Christ, attaining to maturity and showing forth the Son of God. We and the world see Him in our midst through Sacrament, Word, and in the beauty of the lay faithful demonstrating the "New Man" by bearing one another's burdens, forgiving, loving, honoring, exhorting, encouraging and admonishing one another. The laity are not mere collaborators or cooperators with the clergy. They bear co-responsibility for the Church.

There is a silver lining in this current clergy scandal. The engaged and equipped laity are being forced out of their comfort zones. Just like persecution forced the Apostles out of Jerusalem and into the pagan world in the first century, so the clergy scandals of this new millennium are the laity's trumpet call to move out of their role as passive recipients of the sacraments and shoulder co-responsibility for the missionary mandate of the Church. Good laity outnumber good priests, and it's been a generation since Vatican II. Isn't it about time? — *Al Kresta*

Dr. Daniel Douglas Heffernan, M.D, K.M.

Dr. Dan Heffernan, co-founder of Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, died on Oct. 4, leaving behind a legacy of service to “God’s Beloved Poor.”

Six hours before Dr. Dan Heffernan, the co-founder of Hope Clinic, passed to eternal life, we received a message from his family that he was close to death. My wife, Dolly, and I immediately went over to his apartment to join them.

When I entered his room, he was unconscious, but I noted that he was wearing a tee shirt that would have, in other circumstances, given me a good laugh. The legend on the shirt read, “*The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune.*” It was fitting because, not only did Dr. Dan play a pretty impressive fiddle, but as he aged he never lost his trust and hope in the Lord. You could always count on being greeted by a huge smile even when he could no longer speak or even hear well.

Dr. Dan and his wife Beverly, who died in 2017, were members of Christ the King from the earliest days of the parish (then the Catholic Fellowship of the Word of God). Many members of the local charismatic covenant communities and the parish knew him as their personal physician and as active members of the Word of God since 1977. But what they will be remembered

for most is their founding and nurturing of both Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti and Hope Clinic International, a medical outreach to the poor of Nicaragua.

Beverly was the youngest of five children and, with a disabled father and the onset of the Great Depression, she knew what poverty was from personal experience. She was a very beautiful young woman, which was publicly recognized when she was selected as “Miss Detroit Street Rail-

road” and her picture was posted on every streetcar in Detroit.

Dan was still a medical student when one of his brothers showed him a

picture of Beverly taken at a bridal shower. Dan, a lifelong man of few words, simply said, “I have to meet her.” Their marriage would endure for 63 years with a family of 6 children, 20 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren to date.

Dr. Dan would freely admit that it was Beverly’s lifelong love of the poor that inspired him to begin providing medical care to those who couldn’t afford it. It started with a little

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Dr. Dan Heffernan and his wife Beverly co-founded Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti in 1982. It has grown from a Saturday morning walk-in clinic operating out of borrowed space to a multi-faceted apostolate serving the needs of more than 7,500 patients each year.

black medical bag in the back of his car as he went out after his regular medical practice to minister to migrant workers in Midland, Michigan.

In 1977, they decided to move the family to Ann Arbor to join the Word of God Community. It wasn’t long before that little black medical bag would be the start of what we now know as Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti. The Heffernan children would tell you that Hope Clinic, and later Hope Clinic International, were the 7th and 8th siblings in the family for Hope was an extension of their family life.

During a trip to Nicaragua in 1992, Dr. Dan saw the enormous need for medical help there also. He responded immediately by creating Hope Clinic International, which later established “Tim’s Clinic,” named for the

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As Dr. Dan first spoke to me about Hope, I realized that this was not only a very worthy work, but one of the most cost-effective I had ever encountered. ... I quickly calculated that every dollar donated was being leveraged to something like eight dollars in actual services to the poor.



Dcn. Dan Foley is a member of Christ the King's Senior Leadership Team and our senior Permanent Deacon, having been ordained in 1979. A retired executive and attorney, he has served on a variety of charitable and professional boards. He is currently President of the Board of Hope Clinic, as well as Chairman of the Board of Renewal Ministries. He and his wife Dolly have two daughters and eight grandchildren.

deceased son of Dr. Roger and Lorrie Anderberg, also members of our parish. Dr. Roger would provide a critical medical assist to Hope Clinic International being able to begin the Nicaragua mission.

I first met Dr. Dan when we arrived in Ann Arbor 31 years ago. He asked to visit me in my office and, in his quiet manner, pitched me on supporting the work of Hope. My first thought was, "Just what I need, another charity." But as he spoke I realized that this was not only a very worthy work, but one of the most cost-effective I had ever encountered. Dr. Dan had recruited significant numbers of doctors, health care professionals, and other volunteers who donated their time and talent pro bono, and the money from donors provided the infrastructure. I quickly calculated that every dollar donated was being leveraged to something like eight dollars in actual services to the poor. I was hooked. Both Dr. Dan and Beverly would become close friends, as well as superb examples of Catholic marriage, family life and service.

Hope Clinic continues to grow in its service to those in need, serving over 3,500 medical patients and 4,000 dental patients each year, as well as providing a host of other needed services, such as counseling, food, and laundry ser-

vices, all done in an explicitly Christian environment, which often includes prayer with the person being helped. Many of our Catholic parishes and other Christian churches in Washtenaw County and beyond provide both money and volunteers to continue the work.

Dr. Dan and Beverly saw Christ in "God's Beloved Poor" and never wanted to receive credit for their work. The glory was to be directed to the Lord Jesus.

In recent years, Hope's mission has grown to include a clinic in Wayne County, and it is hoped that another clinic will open in Flint in the near future. Hope Clinic International continues its work in Nicaragua.

Dr. Dan and Beverly saw the work of Hope as a response to the Lord for His goodness to them. They understood that the Com-

mandment to "Love God" was intrinsically linked to the Commandment to "Love Your Neighbor." They saw Christ in "God's Beloved Poor" and never wanted to receive credit for their work. The glory was to be directed to the Lord Jesus. They both knew that "whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. (1 John 4:20)

As we celebrate Dr. Dan, it is important to understand that providing medical and other care to "God's Beloved Poor" was not something that Dr. Dan and Beverly did. It was who they were. As Catholics, we value the example of those who have gone before us. We should ask the Lord to grant us that same love of the poor and the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to put that love into action with our time, our treasure, and our talent.

I pray that Dr. Dan and Beverly have already heard or will soon hear the marvelous words of the Lord Jesus: "Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25: 34) — *Deacon Dan Foley*

Marlene Chockley, Township Supervisor

An effort to stop county funding of Planned Parenthood leads a stay-at-home mom into government.

I grew up wanting to be a doctor to help people. Science was my thing and the only class that I got below an A in high school was government (a B). My college years took me in a different direction, however, and I married Len, my high school sweetheart. We began our family and I became more concerned about the community around us and the devaluing of life and families.

Besides writing letters to the editor, the first political thing I ever did was to speak before the county board of commissioners to ask them not to fund Planned Parenthood. A group of us went that evening. I wrote out my comments and nervously read them at the podium. When I noticed that two of the commissioners were laughing as we spoke, I was very offended. (Years later, I asked one of them about it and she told me that they were looking at a magazine under the table.)

That did it. I got involved in the Republican Party and helped many a candidate before deciding to run for office myself. I wanted to see the triumph of ideals that promoted the stability and welfare of families and children.

In order to run and win, it's important to be prepared, so when I heard about the Michigan Political Leadership Program at MSU to learn leadership, govern-

ance, and public policy, I applied. I was originally selected as an alternate, but ultimately accepted into the program after one of the 24 chosen broke a leg. I'm convinced it was God making a way for me since my background didn't compare to the others in the class.

The biggest lesson I've learned is to be grounded in my faith that God is in control, not me.

That program gave me the training and confidence to run for county commissioner. I defeated a Democrat incumbent in 1994—the only person to do so that election year. I served three terms as county commissioner and focused my efforts on health and human services committees, foster grandparents, and community development initiatives, including land preservation.

When the supervisor of my then-township decided to retire, I hoped to contribute

there what I had learned and ran for supervisor. I lost, partly because of the overwhelming Democrat straight party vote in Washtenaw County. Subsequently, I chaired the Washtenaw County Republican Party for four years, was Grassroots Vice-Chair of the Michigan Republican Party for four years, and served two years on the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers. Len and I moved to Northfield Township where I served eight years on the Planning Commission before running for Northfield Township Supervisor. I am completing the second year of a four-year term.

By my involvement in government, I hope to maintain a community where belief in God is evident and where there are healthy human connections and opportunities to meet each other's needs. Seeing this happen is very satisfying.

The biggest lesson I've learned is to be grounded in my faith that God is in control, not me. I'm thankful that He uses even me, a (still) introverted (formerly) stay-at-home mom, to help get good people involved in government who also believe and can make a difference. — *Marlene Chockley*

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Marlene Chockley and her husband, Len, are founding members of Christ the King. Marlene is currently supervisor of Northfield Township and has served on numerous boards and committees at the county and state levels.

Kathleen VanderVeen: Serving through the Homeschool Co-op



Kathleen VanderVeen grew up in Christ the King, where she was homeschooled by her mom, Patti Cousino. She and her husband Mark and their family moved back to Michigan and rejoined the parish in 2014. She now serves on the board of the CTK Homeschool Co-op and as director of the Tuesday program. We asked her about her experiences with homeschooling and with the co-op.

How did you and Mark decide to homeschool?

Ultimately, after praying about it, it was what we felt called to do to serve our children. Mark and I decided to homeschool when our son Benedict was 5. By that time he was already a fairly advanced reader for his age and picked up on math concepts quite easily. I was an elementary teacher

and had taught at Spiritus Sanctus Academy for four years prior to having Benedict so I was excited to teach my own children. We thought that Spiritus Sanctus Academy and Huron Valley were wonderful options but they would have been tough to pull off financially at that time in our lives, with my husband going to school and working.

I was homeschooled for most of my life so the idea of homeschooling my own children was not foreign. I was able to use my love and gift of teaching with my own children. It is a decision that I have never regretted.

How long have you been homeschooling?

We have been homeschooling for 9 years.

Are all your school-age children homeschooled, or are some homeschooled and others in other schools?

All my school aged kids are currently homeschooled with the

help and support of co-op classes from the CTK Homeschool Group. All the kids, even our four-year-old, participate in learning throughout the day.

What are some of the benefits that you've seen from homeschooling?

One of the benefits of homeschooling for our family has been the strong sibling bonds that my kids have created. It warms my heart to see my older children reading to my little kids, to watch them all play a game and giggle together, to work together in our garden, to prepare meals together, and more. My husband Mark has been so incredibly supportive and encouraging along the way. I truly couldn't do what I do without him.

What are some of the challenges?

It hasn't always been easy "wearing so many hats" in the home. I am one of those people who wants to do all things well and that can be hard (and very humbling) when there are so many things to do each day. I need to rely on God's grace each day and focus on doing the "next right thing" and placing the rest at the feet of Jesus (and maybe back on my to-do list for tomorrow).

Why did you decide to get involved in the CTK Homeschool Co-op?

We had just moved back to Michigan from Washington and my oldest was going into 6th grade when the CTK Homeschool Group started. I wanted to be intentional about building community and giving my children the opportunity to have someone else teach them for some of their classes. I have always desired to have my kids in a Catholic group if possible and this group seemed like a good fit for our family.

I started getting plugged in with teaching classes where they had a need as my co-op job. I then took on more and more responsibilities. Today, I am privileged to work on the board with five other couples: Dominic and Heidi Perrotta, Mike and Caty Sumerton, Aaron and Aracelis Phillips, Laura and Michael Hoeflein, and Mark and Sarah Miklosovic. I also serve as the director of our Tuesday program, which partners with Oxford Virtual Academy to provide many of our classes for free.

What have been the benefits of the co-op for you and your children?

We have been so blessed by being involved with the CTK

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Jane Terwilliger shares CTK's music through *Songs In His Presence*

God the Father has been engaging me in a felt-partnership of service with Him, a specific sort of intimacy.

In the early 1990s God was growing in me a desire to share the original music and worship tradition of the Spirit-filled music of the charismatic communities in Ann Arbor and, in particular, Christ the King Parish. I had a "tsunami" encounter with the Father as I prayed about some new opportunities one day in our parish's Eucharistic Chapel. The certainty that came upon me that day to move ahead in faith has carried me through personal limitations, obstacles, difficult decisions, and lots of joyful but hard work for 15 years.

God spoke to my heart that day that He would help me distill our spirit of worship into the writing of piano accompaniments so other parishes could begin to use our music. He would also send many helpers.

Songs In His Presence began with the precious Psalm settings inspired by Don Fishel's song "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" from the early history of the parish and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal conferences. With prayer and consultation, we produced and recorded two simultaneously-released CDs and songbooks of psalms and other titles. The selections included the amazing music of former parishioner Ed Conlin (*Our Hearts Will Rise, Here Is My Life, Prayer of Augustine*, etc.), as well as music by our now-retired



Former Music Director Roger Holtz, Sr. Stacy Whitfield, SGL, and Jane Terwilliger shared music from Christ the King and other local musicians at the National Pastoral Musicians conference in 2015.

God seems to be more interested in my spiritual training in His service than the big, splashy, easy success that I had thought worthy of this totally awesome music from our parish.

Music Director Roger Holtz; Sr. Stacy Whitfield, SGL; Sr. Sarah Burdick, SGL; Mike Giszczak; Elissa Krieg; Ann Fons; Ann Berger; myself; and my sister, Amy Righi.

Personally, through these years of productivity, I sense that God seems to be more interested in my spiritual training in His service than the

big, splashy, easy success that I had thought worthy of this totally awesome music from our parish. I believe God knew what kind of success I would not handle well. God still chooses to train me by things often not going as expected, new skills to attempt, challenges, failures and restarts, and opportunities to surrender. He sends signs to encourage me, and the most difficult trials always force me back to His side in desperation.

Yet there were so many blessed moments I could not begin to count! Experiencing powerful moments of community, of His Presence with me; enjoying fun and creative moments in studio

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Homeschooling has been a blessing for my family. That said, I know that not everyone is called to homeschool and that is perfectly fine. There are some wonderful schools in our area. It is so beautiful to see God working in different families in different ways.



Jane Terwilliger—parish accompanist, music leader, teacher, composer, arranger, producer, editor, wife, mother, and grandmother—is the foundress of *Songs In His Presence*, a group of 11 published composers of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Kathleen VanderVeen

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Homeschool Group! We are blessed to be able to go to Mass two days a week. Having other teachers teaching my children has been an amazing benefit. My kids have to learn other teaching styles and be accountable to turn in work to someone else. This has given me the opportunity to focus on encouraging and coaching my children for those classes. The community and relationships that have been formed both for myself and my children have been an incredible blessing. I have found myself in an administrative role which I never would have imagined myself being in. Yet, here I am, feeling called to serve the Catholic homeschool community in this way.

What are some of the challenges of participating in the co-op?

Being involved with a co-op requires a lot of **work!** The hours it takes to plan a class or work any of the other co-op jobs can be a lot on top of the “normal” amount of work on the homeschool parents’ plates. Being on the board requires a lot of time and energy, both physical and emotional. In order to serve the co-op on top of my family, I have to say no to a lot of other wonderful things in this season of my life. The beautiful thing is that you are in a community of people who are all contributing their part. The Lord has put this call on my life right now and with it comes the grace

and peace. It also brings me to my knees because I am faced daily by my limitations. With God, all things are possible!

If there was one thing that you could say to people reading this interview, what would it be?

Homeschooling has been a blessing for my family. That said, I know that not everyone is called to homeschool and that is perfectly fine. There are some wonderful schools in our area. It is so beautiful to see God working in different families in different ways. Serving on the board and as a director in a homeschool group that has about 300 families has been very humbling and rewarding. It has been such a privilege to serve alongside so many amazing people.

Jane Terwilliger shares CTK’s music

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with gifted and prayerful musicians; getting help from brothers and sisters; being hosted by contacts nationwide; co-writing, meeting, and praying with other musicians at our booth at the National Pastoral Musicians Conference; receiving funds when needed and engraving help; seeing the so-very-positive reactions to the music; getting happy feedback from parishes who have used

our Psalms (more of those in recent years!).

God always reassures me, often after testing. I thank Him for all that has transpired. I also deeply thank the worshipping community of our parish. Your song and hearts loving the Lord in Liturgy still inspire this ministry.

You can read more about SIHP and order our earlier CDs (*Taken By Love*, *Held by Love*, and *Trust Him*) at

songsinhispresence.com. The download recordings and CDs are also available at most online vendors (iTunes, Spotify, etc.), and CDs are available at Our Lady of Grace Bookstore at Dominos Farms. The *Psalms In His Presence* 3-year cycle series, including CD sets and 16 musician and pew editions, is published by International Liturgy Publications, www.ilpmusic.org. — Jane Terwilliger

Schedule of Major Events

- 11/1: All Saints Day
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Parish offices closed
- 11/2: All Souls Day
- 11/3: Alpha Day Away
- 11/3: First Saturday Prayer for Evangelization and Priests
- 11/4: Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/9-11: Life Teen Retreat
- 11/9: Upper Room
- 11/17: Mass for Pregnancy Loss
- 11/19: Holy Hour for Marriages
- 11/22-23: Thanksgiving Week-end; Parish offices closed; no Upper Room
- 11/25: Solemnity of Christ the King
- 11/29-12/1: Parish Mission

For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to www.ckkcc.net.

MAJOR EVENTS—NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 28	29	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec. 1

Save the Dates!

Christ the King Parish Mission, "Searching the Father's Heart"

Thursday-Saturday evenings, Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Join us for talks by Sarah Kaczmarek and Al Kresta, as well as time on Saturday for dinner and fun together before a Parish Empowerment Night. You won't want to miss it!



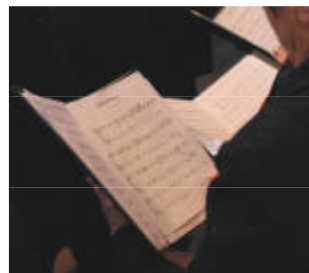
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Patronal Feast of the USA
A Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass:
Friday, Dec. 7, 5:30pm
Holy Day Mass:
Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00am
Note: The 4:30pm Mass on Dec. 8 is for the Second Sunday in Advent, not the Immaculate Conception.



Lessons and Carols Concert

Saturday evening, Dec. 15
Worship Space
The CTK Choir will lead us in this Advent tradition, which relates the story of the fall of humanity and the birth of the promised Messiah in Scripture and song.



Check future bulletins for more details about these great events!



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- Stewardship
- Hospitality
- Parishioner and ministry profiles

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by their activity directed to
the evangelization and sanctification of men
and to the penetrating and perfecting
of the temporal order through
the spirit of the Gospel.

Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, #2