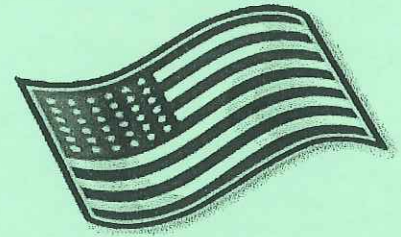


Sweats for Vets



The 5th Annual Sweats for Vets Collection for the Wounded Warriors at Joint Base Ft. Lewis / McCord will take place the weekend of February 4th & 5th

To date, 1319 sets have been purchased and delivered as a result of four Parishes in South King County. St. Theresa's, Holy Family, St. Vincent's & St. Philomena.

We appreciate your continued support.



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TITHING COMMITTEE

With the coming of God in Jesus Christ, holiness took up residence in a new location. Humanity itself became a holy space opening us to see His divine holiness in everyday faces. With the eyes of store clerks and children, He looks at us. With the hands of slum dwellers and suburban housewives, He reaches out to us. He walks with the feet of the soldier and the tramp. With the heart of all in need, he longs for comfort. Providing shelter, food and welcome to those in need is giving to Christ, and making room for His holiness to dwell within us.

The parishioners of St. Theresa's have seen God in all who stand before them by aiding in the following charities:

DOMESTIC CHARITIES

St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$2675
Fusion/Joseph Foundation	815
FW Caregiving Network	685
FW Food Bank	375
Multi-Service Center	375
FW Reach Out	700
Criminal Justice	405
Nativity House	<u>361</u>
Total	\$6391

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Heifer International	\$534
Philippines	532
Sudan Relief Work	<u>532</u>
Total	\$1598

Grand Total \$7989



Marriage and the Common Good

A statement on legislation to redefine marriage

January 2012

Legislation has been introduced in Washington State to change the current law defining marriage. The present law states: “marriage is a civil contract between a male and a female...” This same law also prohibits marriage to close-blood relations, a clear indication that the definition of marriage is related to bringing children into the world and the continuation of the human race. The legislation to redefine marriage, therefore, is not in the public interest.


Marriage is certainly about the public recognition of a relationship between a man and a woman which carries certain rights and responsibilities for the two adults. But, it is much more. Marriage in faith and societal traditions is acknowledged as the foundation of civilization. It has long been recognized that the stability of society depends on the stability of family life in which a man and a woman conceive and nurture new life. In this way, civil recognition of marriage has sought to bestow on countless generations of children the incomparable benefit of a loving mother and father committed to one another in a lifelong union.

Additionally, by defining marriage both in terms of the relationship between a man and a woman and of its important role of guaranteeing the succession of generations, the state is recognizing the irreplaceable contribution that married couples make to society. Married couples who bring children into the world make particular sacrifices and take on unique risks and obligations for the good of society. For this reason the state has long understood that it has a compelling interest in recognizing and supporting these mothers and fathers through a distinct category of laws. Were the definition of marriage to change, there would be no special laws to support and recognize the irreplaceable contribution that these married couples make to society and to the common good by bringing to life the next generation.

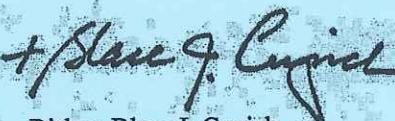
Upholding the present definition of marriage does not depend on anyone’s religious beliefs. Washington State’s present law defining marriage as “a civil contract between a male and a female” is grounded not in faith, but in reason and the experience of society. It recognizes the value of marriage as a bond of personal relationships, but also in terms of the unique and irreplaceable potential of a man and woman to conceive and nurture new life, thus contributing to the continuation of the human race. A change in legislation would mean that the state would no longer recognize the unique sacrifices and contributions made by these couples, thereby adding to the forces already undermining family life today.

For these reasons, we the Catholic Bishops of Washington State call on the citizens of this state to maintain the legal definition of marriage. We ask all to join in praying with us for married couples and families and to do everything possible to support them.

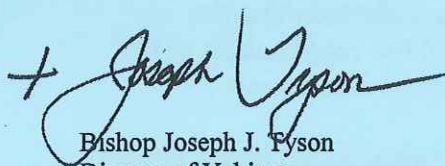
We urge you to contact your own state senator and your two state representatives to request that they defend the current legal definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

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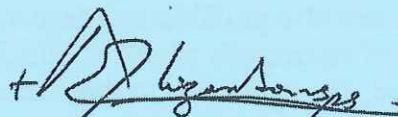
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All Saints, Puyallup and Fife
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Christ the King, Seattle
Eastside Catholic School, Sammamish
Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bellevue
Holy Family, Auburn
Holy Family, Kirkland
Holy Family, Lacey
Holy Family, White Center
Holy Rosary, Edmonds
Holy Rosary, Seattle
Holy Rosary, Tacoma
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon
Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Everett
Our Lady of Fatima, Seattle
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Seattle
Our Lady of Lourdes, Vancouver
Our Lady of the Lake, Seattle
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton
Pacific Crest Academy, Camas
Queen of Angels, Port Angeles
Sacred Heart, Bellevue
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St. Anne, Seattle
St. Anthony, Renton
St. Benedict, Seattle
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St. Catherine, Seattle
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St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma
St. Edward, Seattle
St. Frances Cabrini, Tacoma
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St. George, Seattle
St. John, Seattle
St. Joseph, Chehalis
St. Joseph, Issaquah and Snoqualmie
St. Joseph, Seattle
St. Joseph, Vancouver
St. Louise, Bellevue
St. Luke, Shoreline
St. Madeleine Sophie, Bellevue
St. Mark, Shoreline
St. Mary Magdalen, Everett
St. Mary, Aberdeen
St. Matthew, Seattle
St. Michael, Olympia
St. Michael, Snohomish
St. Monica, Mercer Island
St. Nicholas, Gig Harbor
St. Patrick, Tacoma
St. Paul, Seattle
St. Philomena, Des Moines
St. Pius X, Mountlake Terrace
St. Rose, Longview
St. Therese, Seattle
St. Thomas More, Lynnwood
St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way
Villa Academy, Seattle
Visitation, Tacoma

High Schools

Archbishop Murphy High School, Everett
Bellarmine Preparatory School, Tacoma
Bishop Blanchet High School, Seattle
Eastside Catholic School, Sammamish
Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bellevue
Holy Names Academy, Seattle
Kennedy Catholic High School, Seattle
O'Dea High School, Seattle
Pope John Paul II High School, Lacey
Seattle Preparatory School/Matteo Ricci College
Seton Catholic High School, Vancouver



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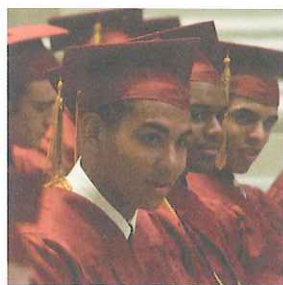
Strong Faith, Values and Character

Catholic schools provide an academic environment immersed in faith, where religious instruction takes place throughout the curriculum. Students develop a strong sense of character, confidence, self-worth, and a well-formed moral compass.



Leadership and Cultural Competency

Catholic schools provide a safe environment that welcomes and celebrates diversity, embraces ethnic, cultural, religious and economic differences, and produces the future leaders of our Church and the community at large.



High Academic Achievement

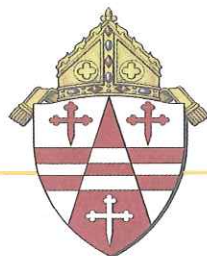
Catholic schools are renowned for academic excellence, with students consistently scoring in the top third on nationally standardized tests. Ninety-nine percent of Catholic school students finish high school and continue their education.

We are committed to making Catholic education accessible and affordable, with many opportunities for tuition assistance.

Contact a school in your area for more information.

Open Houses are going on now!

Contact your parish school or go to
www.seattlearch.org/schools to find a school near you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Catholic Schools proudly and prominently display the following message:

“Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.”

Catholic Schools Week offers an annual opportunity to highlight the crucial importance of Catholic Education as well as its excellence in every respect. The first and primary goal of every Catholic school is to nurture in our students a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ in the Church. We know that a deep relationship with Christ in the Church grounds young people deeply in the One who created and redeemed them, the One who will sustain them throughout their lives and for eternity.

Our schools form disciples of the Lord who are well-prepared to meet any academic challenge. Standards set and achieved by Catholic schools are well-known and highly respected. The high quality of instruction in our schools, innovative approaches to the use of the latest technology, and a challenging curriculum prepare our students for every educational and vocational challenge they will face as the years go by.

Students of Catholic schools are also taught to be vibrant participants in the life of their communities, good citizens, good family members, and generous stewards of God’s gifts. A disciple of Jesus is one who serves – who keeps an open heart to those who suffer or who have any need, and who responds generously and lovingly.

Catholic schools reflect the light of Christ in a powerful way: they place a candle in children’s hands, and then God lights it with his Son. Catholic schools guard that light because they know it is only by that light that they will teach children the truth.

I happily celebrate Catholic Schools Week with all of you! If your children are not yet enrolled in one of our excellent Catholic schools, please consider doing so. You will not be disappointed!

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain
Archbishop of Seattle