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God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:9).



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Respect for the Eucharist (Part II)

In our continuing effort to provide our parishioners with helpful guidelines for the proper way to pay respect to the Eucharist, the Pastoral Council of St. Paul Catholic Church and Fr. Vic invite you to review the following information.

Church is the Temple of God

The March 2010 issue of "The Call" pointed out that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus. The Eucharist resides in the tabernacle inside the church. We are in the presence of our Lord as we enter the church. The last issue provided information on the proper etiquette on how to show respect when receiving the Eucharist. In this issue, we will focus on proper attire/dress and other issues when we come to visit our

Lord in his temple.

Our Sunday Best

Just imagine that you have been invited to meet the President of the United States. We are sure that you would put on your best outfit for the occasion. The men would wear their nicest suit, and the women and children would put on their best clothing for a good impression. Now, just remember you come to meet the Lord, King of all kings, at every Sunday mass. Our attire/dress should represent being in God's house.

You may have heard the saying "We should wear our Sunday best for the church", however, that phrase is subjective, so my Sunday Best may not be what you have in mind. The following are some suggestions:

- For men: suit, sport coat, shirt-tie and slacks. Dur-

ing warm weather, a sport or polo shirt can be worn with slacks, but not T-shirts or muscle shirts. Only T-shirts that represent a church ministry or function maybe worn. Please avoid garments with logos, graphics, and wording that is not appropriate. Sagging jeans exposing underwear is not proper church attire.

- For women: suit, dresses, blouse with skirt or slacks that fit appropriately. A shawl, large scarf, or sweater can fashionably cover the bare shoulders, when spaghetti straps, or low cut tops are worn. Skirts of appropriate length can be tastefully worn, but please no shorts of any kind or “mini” skirts. If the skirt’s bottom is higher than 3 inches from the middle of your knee, it is too short.

Our outfits make statements and impressions. While we would not want to turn Sunday Mass into a fashion event, we should dress appropriately for the occasion. As we present ourselves to the Lord at the Mass, we want to show our respect and display our faith in the best possible way, and make a long lasting impression with our King.

The Other “Call”

Seemingly during every Mass, cell phones continue to ring. It is important to stay in touch, but for most of us we only meet our Lord for an hour every week, so we ought to devote every minute to his call.

Phone rings disturb our own concentration and distract others as well. Please turn off your cell phone before entering the church.

Attending the Entire Mass

None of us would want to be late for the

President’s meeting, so why would we be late when meeting the Lord? We should adjust our departing time from home allowing for unforeseen traffic or other unexpected delays in order to get to church before the Mass starts. Five or ten minutes earlier allows you to sit, reflect, and be ready for Mass.

The Mass is not over until the procession of the cross has reached the back of the church. Those few minutes give you a chance to say goodbye to the Lord and add your last minute requests.

CFF class schedules have been adjusted accordingly, so parents and CFF students do not have to rush to classes. We also know that the traffic is heavy in the parking lot, so let’s take this time to visit with parishioners. Stay a bit longer to meet and make new friends. You will be amazed to see that the traffic in the parking lot has diminished during this time.

Keep the Lord’s House Clean

As mentioned earlier, the church is where the Lord resides. We want to keep our church clean, so food and drink (sodas) should not be brought into the church. Chewing gum is not a show of respect for the Eucharist, and placing it under the pews or kneelers is destruction of church property. Gum should be disposed before entering the church. Water and baby bottles are the only exceptions.

Please help us to keep God’s Temple clean and maintain a good environment for all of us worshiping the Lord.

Questions – Comments – Suggestions?
Please call the parish office if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.