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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Independent/Old Catholic Church?**

The Independent/Old Catholic Church has its roots in the Catholic Church of the Netherlands where in 1145, Pope Eugene III granted the diocese of Utrecht the right to elect and consecrate its own Bishops and clergy. That right was reconfirmed by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 and again by Pope Leo X in 1520. The Old Catholic Church reiterated its right at the First Vatican Council in 1870, because a good number of the Bishops did not agree with the Roman dogmatic declaration of Papal infallibility. It was at this time that the Roman Catholic Church invoked obedience to Papal Authority and officially replaced all those Bishops who would not agree to the Dogmatic Declaration of Papal Infallibility.

### **What is the Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church and how is it connected with the Old Catholic Church?**

The Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church (ACOC) is a communion of persons and communities throughout the United States who gather for worship and public ministry outreach within the Old Catholic Christian apostolic tradition. The ACOC is renewal-oriented, in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

### **Does the Roman Catholic Church consider the sacraments of Old Catholics as valid?**

When members of the Roman Catholic Church encounter Old Catholic Churches for the first time, they are often surprised to learn that Catholic denominations exist apart from Rome. Understandably, questions are raised about the validity of Orders and Sacraments administered by Old Catholics.

At the Vatican on 16 June 2000, Pope John Paul II ratified and ordered the publication of *Dominus Iesus*. This Declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was signed and published by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) in August of the same year. In this Declaration, the Roman Catholic Church recognizes the validity of Orders and Sacraments of Old Catholic denominations.

Please visit our website for more information about our community, our services, and for links to recommended reading:

**[www.spiritofhopecatholiccommunity.org](http://www.spiritofhopecatholiccommunity.org)**

# ***Spirit of Hope Catholic Community***

*Wherever you are in the journey of faith  
you are welcome here*

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*August, 2009*

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**Mass is celebrated  
Sunday evening  
7:45 pm**

at

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
2035 Charlton Road  
Sunfish Lake, MN 55118**

**To schedule a baptism, wedding, anointing, or funeral  
contact Pastor Marty Shanahan  
at 651-328-7723**

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## **Sunday, August 2**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Art Stoeberl

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Ingrid Mattsson

**Eucharist Ministers:** Christina King, Megan Shanahan

## **Sunday, August 9**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Colleen Woodley

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Megan Shanahan

**Eucharist Ministers:** Christina King, Joseph Smith-Isaac

## **Sunday, August 16**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Joyce Rother

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Kathy Shanahan

**Eucharist Ministers:** Megan Shanahan, Joyce St John

## **Sunday, August 23**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Wyatt Yeater

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Ingrid Mattsson

**Eucharist Ministers:** Colleen Woodley, Joyce Rother

## **Sunday, August 30**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Ingrid Mattsson

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Kathy Shanahan

**Eucharist Ministers:** Megan Shanahan, Joyce St John

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### **"Tuesday's With Scripture" – Weekly Scripture Reflections**

Receive a weekly scripture reflection (via email) from Rev. Marty Shanahan. To subscribe, email [mkshanahan@comcast.net](mailto:mkshanahan@comcast.net) and write "Subscribe to Tuesday's with Scripture" in the subject line, or visit our website.

### **Weekend Retreat – for Women Only**

Spend time with other women designing the life of your dreams. You will leave relaxed, recharged, rejuvenated, and ready to hip-hop into your MAGNIFICENT life. Retreat is co-led by two renowned life coaches: Umo Udo and Bonnie Henrickson. For more information, call (218) 678-2325.

#### **WHERE**

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest  
16595 Crooked Lake Rd.  
Deerwood, MN 56444

#### **WHEN**

November 6-8, 2009

### **New to Spirit of Hope?**

Help us get to know you and be included in our special mailings. Please complete a guest card located in the gathering space.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Sat, Aug 15  
8 am – 3 pm

### **St. Anne's Rummage Sale**

Help support St. Anne's rummage sale by donating items in good-repair (donations accepted thru Friday, Aug 14). And don't miss a bargain! Stop by the sale on Saturday.

Tue, Aug 18  
7:00 pm

### **Core Team Meeting**

Meeting will be held at St. Anne's. All are welcome.

## **Looking Ahead**

Sat, Sept 12  
5 pm Mass

### **Fall/Winter Mass Schedule Resumes**

On Saturday, Sept 12, we return to our fall and winter Mass schedule with Mass celebrated Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm.

Sat, Sept 12  
Follows Mass

### **Core Team Meeting**

Meeting will be held at St. Anne's. All are welcome.

Sat, Sept 19  
7-10 pm

### **Youth Dance**

Adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Marty or Kathy Shanahan if you are available to help.

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### **Fall and Winter Schedule**

Youth Dance – Beginning in September, youth dances will be held on the third Saturday of the month: Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19.

Core Team Meetings – Beginning in September, core team meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, following the 5:00 pm Mass: Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12.

Potluck Dinners & Informational Sessions – Beginning in October, our potluck dinners and informational sessions will be held on the first Saturday of every other month, following the 5:00 pm Mass: Oct 3, Dec 2.

### **Charity and Justice Outreach**

Spirit of Hope supports **Joseph's Coat**, a free store providing goods and services to those in need in the St. Paul area. In mid August, an anonymous donor will provide us with backpacks and we are challenged to fill them with back-to-school supplies. Pick up information sheets in the gathering space.

### **To the Spirit of Hope Community:**

Thank you for your care and concern, words of encouragement and your prayers following my recent surgeries. The welcome back that I received on Sunday July 26th was heartwarming and a strong affirmation of my belief that I am so blessed to be a part of this loving community.

With gratitude,  
Joyce