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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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*July, 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, July 5**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Ingrid Mattsson

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Megan Shanahan

**Eucharist Ministers:** Kathy Shanahan, Megan Shanahan

### **Sunday, July 12**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Wyatt Yeater

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Joyce Rother

**Eucharist Ministers:** Christina King, Wyatt Yeater

**Cantor/Soloist:** Christina Yeater

### **Sunday, July 19**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Bob Pirro

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Kathy Shanahan

**Eucharist Ministers:** Megan Shanahan, Joe Wilson

**Cantor/Soloist:** Christina Yeater

### **Sunday, July 26**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan

**Lector:** Tom King

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Ingrid Mattsson

**Eucharist Ministers:** Joyce Rother, Kathy Shanahan

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### **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. There is always a need for seasonal clothing in all sizes. Please bring new or gently used clothing to our collection box, located in the gathering space. *This month there is a special need for shampoo. Also, watch for "back to school" sales starting up this month. We will be collecting school supplies in August.*

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

If you haven't already done so, be sure to sign up to receive a weekly scripture reflection (via email) from Rev. Marty Shanahan. To subscribe, send an email to [mkshanahan@comcast.net](mailto:mkshanahan@comcast.net) and write "Subscribe to Tuesday's with Scripture" in the subject line, or visit our website.

### **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**

Sun, July 19  
6:00 pm

#### **Community Gratitude Picnic**

Spirit of Hope is hosting a picnic to thank St. Anne's community for graciously welcoming us, supporting us, sharing their beautiful worship space.

Following the picnic, St. Anne's and Spirit of Hope communities will co-celebrate an evening worship service. The service will begin at 7:45 PM.

Tue, July 21  
7:00 pm

#### **Core Team Meeting**

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

### **Looking Ahead**

Tue, Aug 18  
7:00 pm

#### **Core Team Meeting**

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### **Summer Schedule**

During the summer months and through Labor Day weekend, we are celebrating Mass on Sunday evenings at 7:45 pm. We will resume our regular Mass schedule (Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm) on Saturday, September 12

There will be no potluck dinners or informational sessions during the summer months. They will resume in September.

### **Summer Reading Group**

Interested in reading two thought-provoking novels this summer? Consider joining an informal reading group at Spirit of Hope. Over the next two months we will be reading two novels and then meeting in mid August to discuss them. Both books raise questions about relationships between people and issues of morality. Discussion questions will be provided. The books are available at the library or can be purchased through bookstores. For more information or to sign up, contact Art Stoeberl ([stoeberl@bitstream.net](mailto:stoeberl@bitstream.net) or 651-278-6630)

The books are:

[The Air Between Us](#) by Deborah Johnson

[Defect](#) by Will Weaver

"People are like stained glass windows: They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within."

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross