
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

Spirit of Hope ***an Independent Catholic Community***

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

October, 2009



Mass is celebrated
Saturday evening
5:00 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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Saturday, October 3

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Ingrid Mattsson

Prayers of the Faithful: Megan Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Betsy McDonald, Kathy Shanahan

Saturday, October 10

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Wyatt Yeater

Prayers of the Faithful: Kathy Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Joe Isaac, Megan Shanahan

Saturday, October 17

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Tom King

Prayers of the Faithful: Joyce Rother

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce St John, Art Stoeberl

Saturday, October 24

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Megan Shanahan

Prayers of the Faithful: Wyatt Yeater

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce Rother, Wyatt Yeater

Saturday, October 31

Presiding: Rev. Marty Shanahan

Lector: Bob Schuneman

Prayers of the Faithful: Megan Shanahan

Eucharist Ministers: Betsy McDonald, Kathy Shanahan

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.

WHEN

November 6-8, 2009

WHERE

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

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, Oct 3
Follows Mass
Community Dinner – Please join us
Our Spirit of Hope core team is hosting an informational session and community dinner. Whether you have questions, would like to share your thoughts, or just want to see what we're about, please join us after Mass for conversation and dinner. All are welcome.
- Sat, Oct 10
7 – 10 pm
Youth Dance
Adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Marty or Kathy Shanahan if you are available to help.
- Sat, Oct 17
Follows Mass
Core Team Meeting
Meeting will be held at St. Anne's. All are welcome.
- Sat, Oct 31
All day events at St Edwards Catholic, for youth and adults. See details below.

Looking Ahead

- Nov 6 - 8
Weekend Retreat – for Women Only
- Sat, Nov 14
Core Team Meeting
- Sat, Nov 21
Youth Dance
- Sat, Dec 5
Dinner & Informational Session

St. Edwards's Shine Out Workshop (Oct 31, 9:45am – 4:00pm) at St Edward's Catholic in Bloomington. This workshop is for young adults (age 14+) of any faith. Designed to motivate youth to work for change in the world – to **Shine Out** their talents and skill, and have a positive impact on others. Watch the movie, *Pay It Forward*, join *Sheltered Reality* as they drum a musical theme, and experience acrostics poetry. Questions? Stoeberl@bitstream.net or 651-278-6630.

The Democratization of the Church – CTA MN Conference – St. Edward's (Oct 31, 9:00am – 3:30pm) at St Edward's Catholic in Bloomington. Listen to speakers and participate in a discussion about the Church and the role of lay people in leadership positions, past, present, and future. Questions? Stoeberl@bitstream.net or 651-278-6630.

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. Last month, we donated 60 pounds of clothing, 1 bag of back-to-school supplies, and 34 tubes of toothpaste! This month, we will help fight the flu by donating personal and family size containers of hand sanitizer. And, if you haven't already done so, go through your fall clothing – someone out there needs what you no longer use.