



**St. Anne**  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY

**June 19, 2011**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**Fathers' Day**

*"...Encourage one another, agree with one another, live in Peace, and then the God of love and peace will be with you.  
Greet one another with a holy kiss." 2 Corinthians 13:11-12*

Dear Friends;

This past week we had art camp for sixty-one children many from St Anne others from outside the parish community. But all were welcome. We had lots of help from members of the parish community and my sister. Everyday we had a break and we would lead the children in games to release some of their energy. One day when we were standing in a circle playing dodge ball one little six-year-old girl said to me, "Fr Ron I am standing next to you because I love you." She was very sweet. And I was very touched and I said "I love you too."

We all need to receive and give love. It is what makes life meaningful. Jesus reveals to us that at the heart of God is a loving relationship—Father, Son and Spirit. St Augustine the great 5<sup>th</sup> century theologian described God as "the Lover, the Beloved and the Love-between-them." We who are made in God's image find our fulfillment by relating to others in love.

All healthy relationships are a dynamic ebb and flow. Relationships are like a dance. If you have ever watched folk dancing (like our children who perform Mexican folk dances) you can see the interplay of the various partners in the dance. There is a give and take, a back and forth, one partner static while the other circles round. The dance is symbolic of human interaction in all its energy.

The early Greek Fathers of the Church saw the image of the Trinity in their Greek folk dances. They saw the energy and rhythm as the partners interacted. These were for them symbolic of the rhythm of love expressed in the Trinity. And like any good circle dance others are invited onto the dance floor. The God of love invites us into the dance of Divine love.

In today's second reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul suggests what some of the steps are to the Dance of Love—"...rejoice. Encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace...Greet one another with a holy kiss."

Today, we not only celebrate God's love, but we celebrate that love as reflected in our fathers. We bless all our Dad's both living and deceased. And we bless those who have been like fathers to us. We also pray for fathers who have lost their children.

On this day may "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Peace,

*Fr Ron*