

Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church

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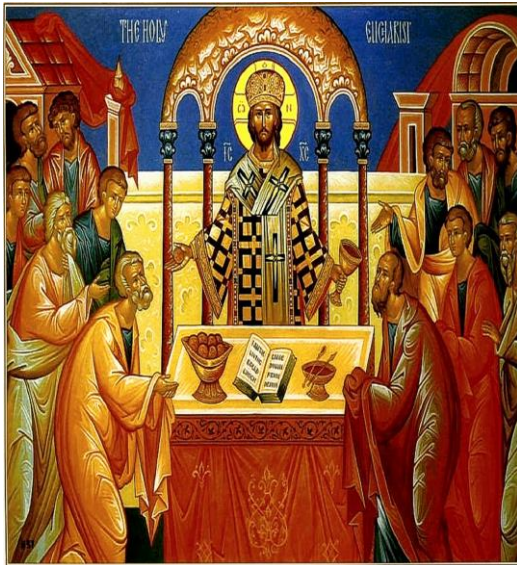
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14th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

14^a Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа on September 6th, 2020 A.D.

‘The person who loves God values knowledge of God more than anything created by God, and pursues such knowledge ardently and ceaselessly.’ - teaches Saint Maximus the Confessor

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST:

**Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
Serving One’s Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity
and Missionary Spirit.**

- Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk



Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever!
Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky!
Christ is among us! – He is and will be!

Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak:

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days.
The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.
This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.
We humbly beg you, loving Lord,
Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.
Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.
Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.
For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Молитва у Часі Спалаху Коронавірусу:

Господи, Боже наш,
Дякуємо Тобі за життя, яке є Твоїм даром,
За провидіння, яке нас підтримує,
І за Твою мудрість, яка спрямовує хід наших днів.
Сьогодні перед нами загроза зараження коронавірусом.
Ця хвороба викликає страх серед нас і забирає життя.
Ми смирено просимо Тебе, люблячого Господа,
Розвій наш страх і позбав нас від цієї та усіх інших хвороб.
Вилікуй тих, хто страждає, і зупини поширення вірусу.
Зміцнюй нас у благодаті, щоб ми дбали одні про одних.
Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброти та любові, і ми прославляємо Тебе Отця, Сина і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Please contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. In case of emergency phone (250) 299-7249. If you would like to come to Confession, meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephon or internet, want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care homes, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.

Liturgical propers in English language:

Tone 5, text from book “*The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*”; pages 97 - 99

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)

Brothers and Sisters, God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is He who anointed us and sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit, in our hearts. I call on God as my witness that it was out of consideration for you that I did not come to Corinth again. Domineering over your faith is not my purpose. I prefer to work with you toward your happiness. As regards faith, you are standing firm.

I did decide, however, not to visit you again in painful circumstances. For if I cause your pain, who can make me happy again but the ones I grieved? I wrote as I did so that when I come I may not be saddened by those who should rejoice my heart. I know you all well enough to be convinced that my happiness is yours. That is why I wrote you in great sorrow and anguish, with copious tears – not to make you sad but to help you realize the great love I bear you.



Gospel: (Matthew 22:1-14)

The Lord told this parable: “The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying: ‘Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.’ Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold on his servants, insulted them, and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: ‘The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.’ The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. “When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he

caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. 'My friend,' he said, 'how is it you came in here not properly dressed?' The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.' The invited are many, the elect are few. "

*At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine until the end of the war and in the whole World: **Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.***

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 5, текст з книги "*Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого*"; **стт. 96 - 98**

Апостол: До Коринтян другого послання св. Апостола Павла читання: (2 Кор 1, 21-2, 4)

Браття і Сестри, той же, хто утверджує нас з вами у Христі і хто помазав нас, то Бог, який поклав на нас свою печать і дав у наші серця завдаток Духа. Я ж призиваю Бога на мою душу, що я, щадячи вас, не прийшов більш у Коринт. Не наче б ми панували над вашою вірою, але ми хочемо співпрацювати вам на радість; бо ви щодо віри стоїте твердо. Я постановив не приходити до вас знов у смутку; бо коли я вам завдаю смутку, хто мене розважить, як не той, що зазнав від мене смутку? Написав я, отже, щоб, коли прийду, не мати смутку від тих, від кого мені належалася б радість; бо я відносно вас певний, що моя радість — радість усіх вас. З великого бо горя та туги серця писав я вам, і крізь ревні сльози, не щоб ви сумували, але щоб знали мою любов до вас надмірну.



Євангеліє: (Матей 22, 1-14)

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: "Царство Небесне схоже на царя, що справив своєму синові весілля. Він послав своїх слуг кликати запрошених на весілля, але вони не хотіли прийти. Тоді він знову послав інших слуг, кажучи: Скажіть запрошеним: Ось я зготував обід мій, зарізано волів та годовану худобу, все готове, ідіть на весілля. Та вони ним знехтували і пішли геть, хто на власне поле, хто до свого крамарства; інші ж, схопивши слуг, знущалися з них і вбили. Розгнівався цар і вислав військо, яке вигубило тих убивців, і їхнє місто спалило. Тоді він мовив своїм слугам: Обід готовий, але запрошені були негідні. Підіть, отже, на роздоріжжя і, кого лише здибаєте, кличте на весілля. Вийшли ці слуги на дороги і зібрали всіх, кого тільки спіткали, і злих і добрих, так що весільна світлиця була повна гостей. Якже ввійшов цар, щоб подивитися на гостей, побачив там чоловіка, що не був убраний у весільну одіж, і сказав до нього: Як ти ввійшов сюди, друже, не маючи весільної одежі? Той мовчав. Тоді цар промовив до слуг: Зв'яжіть йому ноги й руки і киньте геть у темряву кромішню. Там буде плач і скрегіт зубів. Багато бо покликаних, але мало вибраних."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, and every person who knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, care and help our parish community in various ways and projects by keeping and sharing their Christian love, unity by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity!

- Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton: Sunday (Aug. 30th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 261.00
- Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Aug. 30th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$ 1, 329.00

DONATIONS! Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. **Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer via dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque payable to Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8**

"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

CONGRATULATIONS!

ЩИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation for many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Volodymyr Hnat on his birthday (Aug. 31th), Mr. Mark Holick on his birthday (Sept. 5th), Mr. Michael and Mrs. Irene Meheriuk on their wedding anniversary (Sept. 7th), Mrs. Mariya Matsychko on her birthday (Sept. 7th), Nazariy Myts on his birthday (Sept. 7th), Mrs. Rose Kardynal on her birthday (Sept. 10th), Mr. Carlos Chernesky on his birthday (Sept. 10th), Ms. Marie Shandalla on her birthday (Sept. 12th), and to all our parishioners and family members who celebrate their birthdays, heavenly patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIVE STREAMING of church services from Dormition of the Mother of God

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna, B.C.: <https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5>

You can also view 24 / 7 many inspiring videos, articles, pictures, etc. are regularly published by the pastor. Please visit our parish Facebook page: [DormitionKelowna Parish: https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5](https://www.facebook.com/dormitionkelowna.parish.5)

✚ Please also welcome to visit our Cathedral Facebook page for live-stream videos of the liturgical services at Holy Eucharist Cathedral. <https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING TO GOD AT THE CHURCH, YOUR HOMES AND ON-LINE TODAY!

Wishing you and all your dear ones to be blessed by God with health, hope, joy, peace and Christian love!

**Liturgical and Sacramental Services are celebrated
by your spiritual father-pastor at the church during this week:**

SUNDAY, September 6th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)
at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* (in English language)
Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today
at 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* ((in Ukrainian language)
Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today

Mon., Sept. 7th at 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Nazariy Myts, his family members, all relatives and friends*
at 7:00 p.m. Vespers



Tue., Sept. 8th (NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD) at 10:00 a.m. *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* (Eng./ Ukr.)

Wedn., Sept. 9th at 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Mrs. Oksana Pylypchuk, her family members, all relatives and friends*

Fri., Sept. 11th at 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Mr. Walter and Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk, their family members, all relatives and friends*

Sat., Sept. 12th at 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for Ms. Marie Shandalla, her family members, all relatives and friends*
at 3:40 p.m. Lectio Divina / Bible Studies: (Studies and Service in Penticton, BC)
at 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all parishioners* (in Eng. & Ukr.)
Blessings at the beginning of the new school year for all students & teachers after the Divine Liturgy today

SUNDAY, September 13th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Service in Kelowna, BC)
at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* (in English language)
at 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends.* ((in Ukrainian language)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytsch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Marilyn Daulat and Family, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends and neighbours; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate us, and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: *Dear parishioners, if our brother or sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him or her know that our parish community misses his or her at the church very much and prays for them daily!* We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Garage Sale organized by Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church will be held on Saturday of September 26th, 2020 A.D. Please get your items ready. If you wish to help in person, donate items or have any questions, suggestions, ideas, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. *If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: Baptisms: by appointment. **Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Reconciliation:** by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time, **Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time), **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твою присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твою мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та згоді, щоб ми були Твою спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світлом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих дїл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.



YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT OF OTHERS: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church as well. In consideration of other Christians, please do not leave any items in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building safe and clean. Thank you very much for your understanding, help and care! **Please always remember that church is a house of prayer!**

Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OgOD2DhlpU> Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/>



BE A STEWARD: Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc. **VOLUNTEERS HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church, cutting the grass and maintaining the lawn, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, contact Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life! **Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish church!** **NOTE: If you wish to place your message or announcement into our weekly parish bulletin, please sent it by email to the office at dormitionkelowna@gmail.com by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand.

In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts.

Fill our hearts with his love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people.

Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

May we see Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

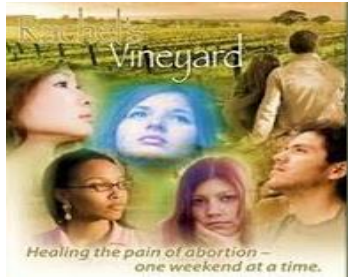
Express Depot Recycling: We have this set up for parishioners to use. They enter the church's phone number and place the sticker on the bag. All monies will then be able to be transferred (after \$10) or check (after \$50). It can help with donations for those unable to attend and financially support the church. <https://www.return-it.ca/express/>

FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. **Please, continue to be supportive, positive and generous!**

✚ **2 volunteers are needed** each time before and right after Divine Liturgies on Sundays to welcome parishioners and follow all required COVID-19 safety rules and regulations, fill up Sign-In List/Questionnaire and clean by sanitizing the church after each service.

✚ **Please, continue to support financially** our parishes in Kelowna, BC and Penticton, BC. Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. **Please continue to support our parish financially by e-transfer via dormitiontransfer2020@gmail.com or mailing a cheque** payable to **Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church** 1091 Coronation Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8 Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy time for all of us.

✚ **Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 7.00 per dozen. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.



✚ **Rachel's Corner:** *"The wounds are real. We need to acknowledge the wounds....The wounds never go away. The wounds of Good Friday were present even after the Resurrection. The wounds never go away. But from those wounds we will rise again. He calls us to rise from our wounds so we can be one with Him....We are all called to live in His peace."* - Bishop Burns

The gaping wound you feel in your heart that came with your abortion story He wants to heal. Come let Him clean your wound, as only a loving Father can do, and receive His merciful peace. Join us on our next Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273 Like us on Facebook: [Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](https://www.facebook.com/RachelsVineyardKelowna)

Science, religion not opposing sides in humanity's progress, cardinal says

Stefano Fantoni, a well known physicist and nuclear astrophysicist, poses with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, Sept. 2, 2020, at the EuroScience Open Forum in Trieste, Italy. (Credit: Schirra/Giraldi, courtesy ESO 2020 via CNS.)

ROME - Although technology has made leaps and bounds over the past decades, the scientific community must not isolate itself in its own advancements and exclude religion from the search for ways to overcome today's challenges, said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. Citing Pope Francis's call for an "interdisciplinary approach" on issues such as sustainability, Parolin told participants at a scientific conference that science and religion must work together for the good of humanity.

An interdisciplinary approach "should not be limited to the exact sciences," the cardinal said Sept. 2 at the EuroScience Open Forum in Trieste, Italy.

"It should also include, for example, religion — which cannot be relegated to the sphere of the irrational — in all those forms of wisdom that humanity has developed over the course of history." According to its website, the EuroScience

Open Forum, also known as ESO, is a biennial conference that gathers scientists, political leaders, educators and journalists "to discuss current and future breakthroughs in contemporary science."

In his address on the conference's opening day, Parolin highlighted the need for dialogue between science and faith in "envisioning and achieving a future of peaceful coexistence among people." Reflecting on humanity's relationship with the environment, the Italian cardinal echoed the warnings of "an ever-growing number of voices from politicians, scientists and men and women of different religious confessions" that "humanity has produced a global impact that can no longer be undone."

"Today, we are more and more aware, too, of the cost being paid by our planet, a cost unequally divided among the countries of the world. This profound global impact should challenge us all," he said. "If we want to survive and if we want life on this planet to survive, then we still have to learn to assume a responsibility for our common home on the global level," he said. "At the same time, science by itself is not enough to resolve this problem."

The Vatican secretary of state also reflected on humanity's relationship with technology. Advancements such as communication and information technology, while "indeed impressive," have drastically changed people's lives and their interactions with others. "Machines are becoming more human, even as human beings are becoming more like machines," he said. "The church is deeply concerned about the effect of this exponential digitalization of communication and of society on young people."

Parolin also said that "the effects of the media diet to which all of us are exposed" has challenged people's trust in news sources, resulting in "traditional sources of authority" no longer holding sway.

That distrust is particularly evident with the COVID-19 pandemic and "much harm was caused by incorrect scientific information," he said. "The pandemic seems to have created what may be the most difficult period in decades for scientific communication," the cardinal said. "The issue is no longer just scientific fact and objectivity but — to use a biblical expression — 'the heart of man.'" In order to reach a true and authentic progress and ensure a better world for future generations, Parolin said that people today must recover their "sense of what it means to be human."

"Only by returning to a world of real and nonvirtual relationships will we be able to recover those horizons of meaning that can give rise to a shared desire to build for the future," he said.

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