

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 17, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

Vows are usually associated with marriage vows and priest/religious life vows. Commitment is the foundation to vows such that stability is brought into people's lives. Baptism vows kind of get lost in the vow "shuffle" because they are less visible in society. But God's initial vow to us in Christ is revealed to us in the waters of Baptism.

Baptism Vows proclaim faithfulness to our Catholic Creed and a willingness to say "No" to the Evil One. Faithfulness to our Baptism Vows helps us to be faithful in marriage vows, priest/religious life vows and other vows we may undertake.

God is committed to us always in Christ the Son; that is, God is vowed to us in an eternal covenant. God is always faithful to us as revealed in the Eucharist Covenant of Christ broken and poured out for us. And when we receive Holy Communion at Mass we are strengthened to be more faithful in our vow to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbors in the way of Christ.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry