

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 18, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Since the Vatican II Council, the Catholic Church has become more ecumenical, that is, more open to the mystery of God revealing God's Love to people of many religions. As the Universal Church, we Catholics need open hearts to grow in understanding of various religions. In Christ the Savior of the World, there are many mysterious ways that God reveals Christ's saving love to the world.

A common "thread" through Christ for all people is to set all people free from being troubled or afraid. Jesus makes all things well through his death and resurrection to liberate all people from the troubles of sin and the fear of death. What a Peace-filling relief to be able to let go of troubles and fears! This is the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus for all people.

Getting used to Jesus being the savior of the world helps to humble us in our Catholicism. The mystery of God's Love for all people is summarized in one of the Eucharist Prayers when "we pray for those who have died whose faith is known to God alone". Thank you Vatican II Council for reminding us about the world-wide immensity of God's Love in Christ the Savior of the World.

Rejoicing in God's Love,

Fr. Terry