

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 13, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

It is interesting to see how people respond to God's call in their life where the word "call" means being open to God's Will. Our lives are more peace-filled when they are in harmony with God's Will for us because Our Living God takes a constant, active interest in guiding us to life-giving ways of living the faith journey. Because God is as revealed in Jesus, we can confidently and courageously discern God's call for us.

Baptism introduces us to God's call of discipleship as members of the one Body of Christ. And although God gifts us differently, God's Will for all of us is to be life-giving people. Sts. Peter and Paul respond to God's Will that initiates the early Church in the light of the Gospel, the eternal life-giving message. God calls Sts. Peter and Paul first, and it's only because of God's initial call that Peter and Paul are able to respond in the affirmative to God's call for them as Apostles in the early Church.

Humbly admitting that God calls us first in Christ to be faith journeyers in the Lord, reconfigures how we view our call in this earthly life. Apart from God's Will, we will not have a peace-filled time on this earth. Holy Communion with Christ proclaims our openness to living Christ which means living God's Will at all times. And being faithful to God's Will is being faithful to our daily "call" in Christ.

In God's Initiating Love,

Fr. Terry