

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 6, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

A personal reflection and awareness that I have been pondering in recent days is the issue of acceptance. My broken family history had taken a heavy toll on my acceptance of my self. I kept thinking I was not good enough and, thus, not acceptable to God and to people. Talk about depressing! Yuck.

Well, thanks be to God, I am becoming more peaceable about accepting my unique self which leads me to accept others in their uniqueness. I know this seems so obvious but being from a broken family atmosphere made for an upbringing of self-doubt and at times despair.

I suspect that you have had your moments about your own acceptance of self. But Jesus is with us in the Holy Spirit to remind us that we are acceptable, for each of us is created in God's image. I pray that we as parish continue to grow in accepting one another in Christ, celebrating each other's uniqueness.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry [