



BEING IN RELATION:

**“We are members one of another.” (Eph. 4:25) -
From social network communities to the human community**



Sunday, June 2 is the Last Hospitality Sunday before Summer Break AND World Day of Social Communications!



Pope Francis in his message for [World Day of Social Communications 2019](#) reminds us that the human heart longs for living in communion, for belonging to a community. “Nothing, in fact, is as specific to our nature as entering into a relationship with one another, having need of one another,” says Saint Basil.” Pope Francis calls for us to “*invest in relationships*, and to affirm the interpersonal nature of our humanity, including in and through the network.”



Using *St. Paul’s image of the body and its members*, he speaks of the “social web” as a resource for communion, for human encounter. He reminds us of the utility of social media in coordinating our activities as Church, drawing people together to celebrate the Eucharist, and sharing “stories and experiences of beauty or suffering that are physically distant from us, in order to pray together and together seek out the good to rediscover what unites us.” ([Read an inspired “Cathedral moment” recently shared on our Facebook page](#), published May 21, 2019 @ 8:59pm). Pope Francis reminds us that “the Church herself is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on ‘likes,’ but on the truth, on the ‘*Amen*,’ by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others.”



Be an Influencer for the Lord!

Pope Francis calls us to recognize others as “travelling companions.” He focuses on the *person*, on *encounters between persons*, and on solidarity among all. In our own daily lives and encounters with others, we use our personal influence in countless ways - *can we be more intentional* as we use this gift of influence in the service of God and others?



A concrete way is to take part in St. Matthew’s social media work, which aims to spread the Word of God by promoting parish and Cathedral liturgies and events, building up a community of parishioners and friends, and growing in witness to and living of the Gospel message, as persons and together as a parish within the Church of Washington.

If you are on social media, *we invite you* to follow us on—

- the [Cathedral Facebook](#) page, updated throughout each week to bring you parish and Cathedral event and ministry info and more, with links that allow you to easily click over to the [Cathedral website](#) for full details;

- the [Cathedral Young Adults \(CYA\) Facebook](#), which promotes CYA peer ministry events as well as parish events of interest to our Young Adult community;
- Msgr. Jameson's [Twitter](#) account; and
- the Cathedral [Instagram](#) account, both of which bring parish and Cathedral news and more to you (we're following you, trying to find your favorite channel even as we ask you to follow us!)



If a post or tweet resonates with you, let us know with a comment, even an *"Amen!"* Consider *sharing particularly helpful, informative or inspiring messages with someone in your circle.* Who knows what may draw another closer to God, to our community, or to encountering an aspect of his or her faith? As Pope Francis writes, "Faith itself, in fact, is a relationship, an encounter: and under the impetus of God's love, we can communicate, welcome and understand the gift of the other and respond to it."

St. Matthew's Communications and Evangelization Committee

The Communications and Evangelization Committee of St. Matthew's Parish Pastoral Council is reforming, and looking for additional members to help with the blessed mission of promoting the worship, formational, social, and other activities of the Cathedral to our parish community and to the public at large. The committee seeks to promote the Gospel message of Jesus, enhance the life of our community, and invite those who seek Christ into deeper relationship with Him. Contact Committee Chair Friedemann (Freddy) Roy at friedemann.roy@gmx.de, or Cathedral Staff Liaison to the Committee, Maureen Hurley at mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Thank you for your witness and example; let's journey and be transformed together!

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