

**St. Hilary**  
**Men's Group**  
**4.13.2013**

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**I've got the Fingerprints of God All Over Me**

The enemy, the Evil One, does not want us to feel good about ourselves. If you are focused on your own negative emotions, feeling and thoughts; the enemy has already won a huge victory in the battle for your soul. Our Jesuit Soldiers of Christ described Culture as the World, the Flesh and the Devil.



If you don't have a healthy self love, you will never be able to be fully in a love relationship here on Earth, let alone with God. How might we reconcile this noble and accurate identification of Modern Culture in today's world of Moral Relativism? How does the great gift of love come into play for our family? Friends? Is this a gift we should develop and pass along to others?

Studying the wisdom inherent in the Word has unexpected benefits and pays tremendous dividends. What happens to our lives when we make such a shift in our prayer approach to God? What does the Wisdom of God tell us in terms of expectations, and thus becoming a better servant of Christ?

Let us come to know God more through Modern Comment, Holy Scripture and our Catechism.

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you. Plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.

When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you.

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me and I will change your lot.

**Psalms 139**

LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.



You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all.

Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.

Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?

If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in the grave, there you are.  
If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea,  
Even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast.

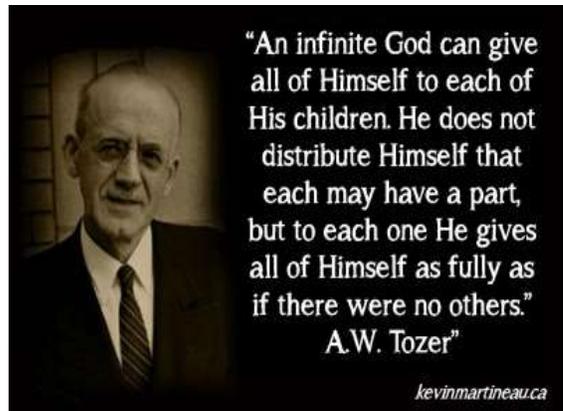
You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully  
made; wonderful are your works!  
My very self you know.

My bones are not hidden from you, When I  
was being made in secret,  
fashioned in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw me unformed;  
in your book all are written down; my days  
were shaped, before one came to be.

The Word of the Lord



## **Catechism**

### **1061 & 1062 I Believe**

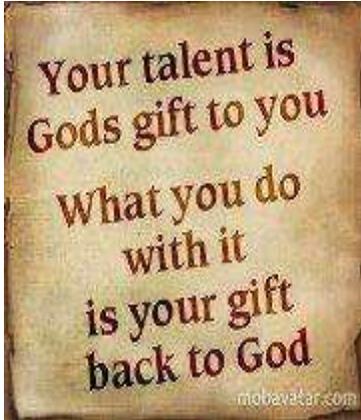
The Creed, like the last book of the Bible, ends with the Hebrew word amen. This word frequently concludes prayers in the New Testament. The Church likewise ends her prayers with "Amen."

In Hebrew, amen comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. And so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him.

### **1063 Believe in Truth**

In the book of the prophet Isaiah, we find the expression "God of truth" (literally "God of the Amen"), that is, the God who is faithful to his promises: "He who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth [amen]."

Our Lord often used the word "Amen," sometimes repeated, to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching, his authority founded on God's truth.



**1064 Live the Truth**

Thus the Creed's final "Amen" repeats and confirms its first words: "I believe." To believe is to say "Amen" to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the "Amen" of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. The Christian's everyday life will then be the "Amen" to the "I believe" of our baptismal profession of faith:

May your Creed be for you as a mirror. Look at yourself in it, to see if you believe everything you say you believe. And rejoice in your faith each day.

**Questions to Focus On**

#1 What resonates most with you about Joel's message?

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#2 What does it mean to you to be a *Child of God*? Explain.

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#3 Do we find we struggle with our Self Esteem? What can we do to help ourselves? How does helping others fit into the concept of helping ourselves?

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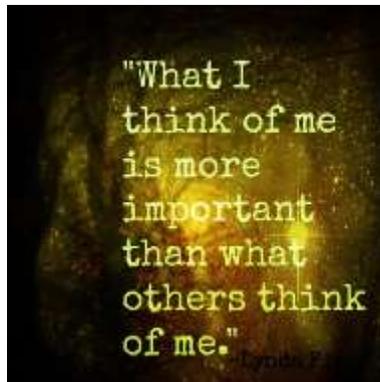
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#4 No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. How does Eleanor Roosevelt's quote tie into today's meeting?

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**A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.**



### Men's Group Calendar

<b>4/27/2013</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>5/11/2013</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>5/25/2013</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>6/8/2013</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>6/22/2013</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>7/13/2013</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>7/27/2013</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>8/10/2013</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>8/24/2013</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

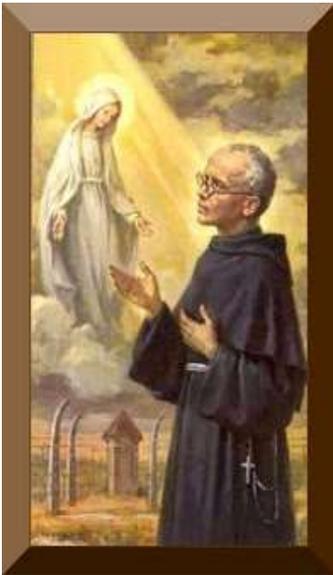


<b>ACTION PLAN:</b> This week I will draw closer to Jesus in my life by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
<input type="checkbox"/> Asking for Forgiveness in prayer for the times I have been unfaithful to God.
<input type="checkbox"/> Asking Jesus for help to accept His gifts, so that I can give these gifts away in doing His work.
<input type="checkbox"/> Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.

**Stop** hating  
yourself for  
everything you  
aren't. Start  
loving yourself  
for everything  
that you **are...**

### **A Prayer to Bless One's Life**

Lord, I love you and need you, Come into my heart, and Bless me, my family, my home, and my friends, in the Sweet and Holy Name of Jesus Christ. Amen



**"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."**

**"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned."**

**"The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but Communion."**

**"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**



## **St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



**O glorious prince St. Michael,  
chief and commander of the heavenly hosts,  
guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits,  
servant in the house of the Divine King  
and our admirable conductor,  
you who shine with excellence  
and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil,  
who turn to you with confidence  
and enable us by your gracious protection  
to serve God more and more faithfully every day.  
Amen.**