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Estimados Feligreses:

La semana pasada intenté responder a la pregunta de si el párroco y los sacerdotes de una parroquia eran también feligreses. Respondiendo afirmativamente, me gustaría explorar en esta carta cómo esta respuesta afirmativa puede o no ser entendida al usar la que sin duda es la metáfora más popular para un obispo, párroco y todos los sacerdotes: la del pastor.

Esta metáfora tiene su atractivo particular por sus profundas raíces en la Escritura. Nos hace pensar, por ejemplo, en la parábola del pastor que deja las 99 ovejas para buscar a la oveja perdida [Lc. 15:1-6] o la del Buen Pastor que da la vida por su oveja [Jn. 10:11]. El báculo del obispo, el cayado del pastor, tal vez simboliza muy bien que el obispo, y por extensión, sus sacerdotes son vistos como los pastores del pueblo.

Pero como todas ellas, aún esta hermosa metáfora cojea.

Una objeción simple a esta metáfora es que implica que los feligreses son ovejas. Seguir como ovejas difícilmente es un cumplido, ¿verdad? Es más: las ovejas tienen la reputación de ser dóciles y, también, tontas. ¿Recuerdan esas tiras cómicas para niños sobre los sueños? Cada vez que dos o tres corderitos u ovejas saltaban sobre la cerca, todo el rebaño también saltaba al unísono, aun cuando algunas no habían llegado todavía a la cerca.


¿Quién lo sabía? ¡Ciertamente no este citadino!

Aún así, si todo lo que Harriet Constable dice en su artículo sobre las ovejas es verdad, la metáfora todavía cojea cuando los pastores de una parroquia son considerados como pastores.

Piensas que el Papa Francisco entendió muy bien el problema con esta metáfora cuando habló a las dos semanas de empezar su pontificado en marzo del 2013 en la Misa Crismal el Jueves Santo. Le dijo a los sacerdotes reunidos: “sean pastores con olor a oveja.” Tal como algunos titulares lo proclamaron simbólicamente.

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**Outreach Ministries**

**Project Bread’s Major Fundraiser**
How will you be involved this year - walking, running, volunteering, sponsoring? TEAM IGNATIUS did an awesome job last year. Let’s do even better this time around! Registration is open! You can register as an individual or as a member of TEAM IGNATIUS.

Go to www.projectbread.org and click on Walk for Hunger.

**Will You be their Valentine?**
Our annual collection to fund lunches at St. Francis House Day Shelter in Boston is this weekend. Show your love and care for the Shelter Guests through your contribution to our At-the-Door collection, perhaps in the amount of a weekday/workday lunch? Heart-shaped collection boxes will be at each church exit or you may contribute online through the parish website.

**Coming in March:**

**Our Socks and Flip-Flops Drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program**
New white socks can reduce the risk of skin infections, prevent frostbite and foster good hygiene. This drive will go from March 1st through March 31st. Help us collect new white socks and new shower flip-flops for women and men living in shelters and on the streets. On your mark, get set, start shopping!

**CRS Rice Bowl 2019:**
Lent begins on March 6th; CRS Rice Bowls will be available the Upper Church the weekend of March 2nd/3rd and on Ash Wednesday at the Family Service. Plan to be a part of this nationwide effort to support needy families throughout the world.

**Young Adults**

**Our Next Meeting:**
Sunday, February 24th after the 5:30 Mass
Parish Office - 2nd Floor
All 20 & 30 Somethings are invited to join us for snacks, conversations and games! There will also be a chance to learn about involvement opportunities in the Parish.

**Faith Formation**

**Camden Service-Learning Trip**
**July 22nd - 27th, 2019**
The Urban Challenge Program is an urban, service-learning, immersion experience rooted in the Catholic faith tradition. Offering a point of access to the lives and stories of the people of Camden, NJ, and its surrounding communities, the Urban Challenge Program is a unique educational and retreat opportunity. St. Ignatius will be taking 12 high school students to the Romero Center this summer!

**Application:** Please write 1-2 paragraphs about your interest in participating in the Urban Challenge Program. What do you hope to get out of the program? What do you anticipate would be challenging? Do you have any prior experience with service or immersion programs? At the top of the page, please provide your: full name, grade entering in Fall 2019, and parent contact information. Please email the completed application to Lara Ericson at ericsonl@bc.edu by March 3rd.

**Spiritual Life**

**Women’s Retreat**
**March 8th - 10th**
Connors Retreat Center - Dover, MA
Treat yourself to a weekend of prayer, quiet reflection and conversation with other women of the Parish, led by spiritual director and parishioner Clare Walsh, MHSH. Registration is now open on the parish website: stignatiuschestnuthill.org. In the top menu bar, select "Parish Life," then scroll down to "Spiritual Life," and click on "Retreats." Partial scholarships are available upon request. The deadline to register is February 23rd.

Cost: $300; $200 deposit due at registration.
Contact: Mary Dailey - marysuppledailey@gmail.com, 617-332-6987
Martha Sullivan: marthasull@verizon.net, 508-668-7268
Rita Rodriguez - rmrodriguez1227@gmail.com, 617-459-6089

3/Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer
Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth’s resources for granted and wasted what You have given us. Transform our hearts and minds so that we will learn to care and share, and touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.

Action: Recycle
You likely recycle to some extent already, but you may not know what an impact it can have. If you recycle half your household waste, you can save 2,400 pounds of CO2 annually.

Next PJR Commission Meeting:
Tuesday, February 12th | 7 p.m.
Parish Office Garden Level
All are welcome!

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents’ Day.
There will be one Mass at 9 a.m.

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Peace, Justice & Reconciliation
Go Green Town Hall Meeting
February 10th | 11 a.m.
Choir/Media Room
Join parishioners, Green Team members, and Catholic Climate Movement facilitators to explore ways that St. Ignatius Church can “turn over a new leaf” and implement concrete steps to make our parish even more ecologically sustainable in 2019!
Questions: jennifer@catholicclimatemovement.global

Sheep.
This earthy understanding of the shepherd/sheep metaphor clearly supports another hope that Pope Francis has for priests: an avoidance of the trappings or, if you will, odor of clericalism.

While we would need a few bulletin letters to cover all that is packed into that critical term, we can simply define clericalism the way the on-line Merriam-Webster dictionary does: “a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy.”

Certainly, by our embracing shepherds smelling like their sheep, avoiding all hint of the odor of clericalism, we may be able to get somewhat close to the notion that pastors and priests are members together with their parishioners. Yet a too-firm embrace of the shepherd/sheep metaphor will surely never allow us to fully understand what it means to be a parishioner-driven parish – priests, staff and parishioners together. Will any metaphor? Suggestions welcome!

Fr. Joe

Fin de Escuela de Espiritualidad Ignaciana

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4/ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Save the Dates

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Please pray for:

Sunday, February 10th
8 a.m. - Stephanie Houllahan
10 a.m. - James Boehle
12 p.m. - Elaine C. Russell
12 p.m. (Spanish) - María Guadalupe Pacitti
5:30 p.m. - Carol L. & James C. Bowdring

Monday, February 11th
12:15 p.m. - Lee Chalifour

Tuesday, February 12th
12:15 p.m. - Ursula Fechek

Wednesday, February 13th
12:15 p.m. - Catherine, Francis, and Mary Mannix Slaughter
5:30 p.m. - Nina Clarke

Thursday, February 14th
12:15 p.m. - Paul J. McNamara
5:30 p.m. - James C. and Carol Bowdring

Friday, February 15th
12:15 p.m. - James Beatty
5:30 p.m. - Nina Clarke

Saturday, February 16th
9 a.m. - Louis C. Papa
4 p.m. - Catherine Jurutka

Sunday, February 17th
8 a.m. - William J. Doyle
10 a.m. - Rev. Paul Keyes
12 p.m. - Rita S. Mullen
5:30 p.m. - Joseph Casaletto

Hatch, Match & Dispatch:
A Catholic Guide to Sacraments
Thursday, March 28th
St. Ignatius
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Hebrew Scripture with Marsha Mirkin, Ph.D.
February 23rd | 10:00 a.m.
Parish Office - Garden Level
We will journey with our Biblical forefather, Jacob, explore his dream, and join him in his yearnings and struggles. We will relate Jacob’s life journey to our own.

Taizé Prayer
February 11th & 25th, March 11th & 25th, April 8th & 22nd
8 - 8:30 p.m. | Upper Church
Join BC Campus Ministry for a memorable time of quiet candlelit meditation, simple music, uplifting readings and peaceful silence.

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The Clergy Abuse Crisis and Homosexuality:
The Problem of Scapegoating
February 26th | 7 p.m.
The Paulist Center
Join writer and former editor of The New Republic Andrew Sullivan for a discussion on the sex abuse crisis and the blame that is often placed on homosexuality, particularly gay men. For questions or more information, contact info@paulistcenter.org. A donation of $10 is suggested.

Project Rachel Retreats
February 23rd, March 23rd & April 27th
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information: 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com

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Book Discussion
February 17th at 11:15 a.m.
Choir Media Room
The discussion of On the Brink of Everything by Parker Palmer, originally scheduled for December, has been re-scheduled for February 17th. All are welcome.
The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday
- Upper Church: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
- Lower Church: 10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy
- 12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon

Weekday
- Lower Church: 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m [Friday Adoration-- 12:45 p.m.]

Saturday
- Lower Church: 9:00 a.m.
- Upper Church: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Other Sacraments

Reconciliation — Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Upper Church or by appointment.

Baptism — Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

First Eucharist — Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

Confirmation — Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

Matrimony — Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick — By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

The Parish Staff

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Rev. Gerald Finnegan, S.J., Senior Priest
Karen O’Reilly, Accounts/HR Manager
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Jamie Huggins, Facilities Manager
Maureen Saldarini, Funeral Coordinator
Parish Pastoral Council

CAP Team (Child Abuse Protection) Ensures the protection of all, providing training, consultation, and support.

Lara Ericson, Team Member, Chair
Marc Gervais, Team Member
Mary Santapaula, Team Member

Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space or on the website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.
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