



Fr. Matt's Musings

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No I in Team

My high school basketball coach at Bishop Ireton was also my American history teacher. He had a number of one liners, many of which drew rolling eyes from us for their quirkiness or corniness. One of them was repeated frequently at practice: "Hey, there is no "i" in team." Gene Jasper is probably laughing in heaven as I repeat his statement to say that not only is there no "i" in team, but there is also no "i" in OLGC, Our Lady of Good Counsel. But the other four vowels are there.

James Joyce once wrote that being Catholic means, "Here comes everyone." Everyone needs to be welcomed and included; all gifts need to be offered and incorporated. St. Paul uses the body as an image for us as the people of God in general, and by extension, for us here at OLGC. No one part of the body or member of the community is more important than another. All the parts working together ensure the health of the body and the strength of our community to be God's holy people. Thank you for offering your hearts, gifts and talents to the community.

It is interesting that I become the me I am called to be by God when I live the other vowels:

- "A" - attentiveness to others' needs;
- "E" - empathy to the sufferings and struggles of others;
- "O" - outpouring of love and compassion;
- "U" - unbounded joy in the love of the God who made, redeemed and sanctifies us.

Please feel free to make your list of voweled words (and those that begin with consonants) that help you to become the I that God has called you to be.

Pastoral Plan Community Meetings and Surveys

Please check the website and bulletin for meeting times and survey information for you to give feedback as we formulate our parish pastoral plan. Below is a link for you to offer feedback for the first area of parish life, Liturgy and Worship, especially if you were not able to be present for the community meeting this past Monday or Tuesday. Please note that there will be four future meetings and surveys for your support and feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LiturgyandWorshipSurvey>

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