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Dear Friends of Unity Acres,

Almost a month has gone by since our Annual Outdoor Mass and Picnic. The skies threatened but rain held off until almost 2:30 pm and even then many lingered under the trees and many were still in the dining room. Our hats go off first of all to our kitchen staff and helpers who worked many hours and put on another beautiful meal. Thanks guys and Helen for the great food and to your clean-up crew for their dedicated work. Every year we say its been the best yet and it might just have been-again! The celebration began shortly before noon with Mary Agnes and Jan gathering us in song and then the McCarthy family leading us "*Here in this place....here in our lives...our God is here*". We then proceed with our Mass and its theme of *Perseverance* with the bounty of our vegetable garden as its focus, *Inch by inch, row by row....Someone bless these seed we sow, Someone warm them from below....*

Our reading from the letter of James speaks of patience...see how the farmer is patient waiting for the land to produce precious crops, so we must keep our hopes high, for our Lord is coming as we then sang these words of James as our Responsorial Psalm.

Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans again reminds us of having endurance which brings God's approval and God's approval creates hope. The Gospel proclaimed (both from Luke 8 and Mark 4) was of the Mustard Seed, the smallest of seeds which eventually grows to become the biggest of plants -- we compare with our huge Rose of Sharon plants gracing the front of our main building, "B" Building.

*THANKS BE TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT*

*Even if I walk along yet still I  
walk, with faith and with  
trust in God.*

*Ever forward to the calling and  
ministry He has called me to  
with joy and thanksgiving  
always in my heart and always  
for the Glory of my God and in  
his love, grace, and mercy He  
has given to me freely.*

*Amen.  
R. Koos*



During the Offertory on this feast of the Assumption we pay tribute to Mary, our Blessed Mother, with the beautiful “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman” ...*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

At Communion time we ask God to give us peace, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, peace for all, like a river running freely, and our Liturgy comes to a close as we all join in

*The heavens are telling the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy.....*, Marty Haugen’s “Canticle of the Sun”.

After Mass many stopped in to our Sacred Heart Chapel, newly renovated by our men this past winter and spring and are surprised and impressed with our latest part of the renovation, a beautiful cabinet crafted by Ed D. which contains some of Father McVey’s belongings as well as reminders of Kate Stanton, Carol Guthrie and Brother Marcellus (Bill Spurrier).

To name all that contributed to making this annual event another great success is impossible. For every name that we know, there are those who slipped in with their contribution without us getting their name.

To all who helped in any way, we offer our most sincere appreciation.

Peg McCarthy



## September Prayer: God's Work—Human Labor

“Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer – which earth has *given* and *human hands have made*. It will become for us the bread of life.

“Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer – fruit of the vine, and *work of human hands*. It will become our spiritual drink.”

—Prayer over the gifts at every Mass.

Loving God of all creation, we praise You in all Your works. Any ability we have for working is Your gift to us. Grant that we may work honestly, justly, for Your honor and glory, and for the good of all.

We pray that those who cannot work will be helped by those who can, and by your grace. We pray You heal the scourge of joblessness.

At every Mass we offer gifts of bread and wine, to be consecrated and become our Eucharist, the gift of Your son. Human labor is needed for this sacred mystery. But these, and all Your gifts, are part of Your loving work of creation.

We ask You, Lord, in this time of rampant unemployment, to provide opportunities to work. May all thus come to enjoy and share the fruits of their labor. Amen.

Father Robert Jones