

Homily For 6th Sunday Of Ordinary Time  
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Lord Our Trust and Hope Is In You

Today, the sixth Sunday of Ordinary time, the church invites us to place our trust in God and in his only son Jesus Christ. Through his resurrection, Christ conquered death and strengthened our faith and hope of eternal life. Today's gospel begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. The beatitude is a great song which calls us to a life of virtue, reflection and total surrender to God's will. It is Christ's song which calls us to trust firmly in God, while looking forward to eternity. These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life. That is, if we do them well and for the sake of God.

The good news for us today is simple, nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy, because our trust is not in this world, nor in man. Rather, our trust is in the crucified and risen Christ, the savior and hope of the world. The psalmist summarized this good news for us: "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord."

As some of you may be aware, our Archdiocese is undertaking a 150 million dollar capital campaign, the IGNITE campaign. As members

of our Catholic community, we are called to support this historic endeavor and pray for its success. Every parish in the Archdiocese will be taking part in this campaign. We here at St. Edward are participating beginning today.

As you know, the Archdiocese has pressing needs; Seminary enhancement, Catholic education, lay formation, rebuilding from Harvey and the need to gather funds to offset future disasters. This IGNITE campaign will raise and assign funds for each of these projects.

Another VERY important part of the campaign concerns our needs as a parish. One third of all the funds raised here at St. Edward will remain here in the parish. This will allow us to see to our own pressing needs. Our Mass volunteers are now handing out/have placed in the pews the first piece of our Ignite campaign literature. I would like to briefly go through it as it contains crucial campaign information.

As you open the brochure, you see the chart depicting a breakdown of the funds being raised by the IGNITE campaign. Directly under this, you see our Parish case. Supporting the IGNITE campaign will not only allow our Archdiocese to continue its Holy Mission, but for us at St. Edward to strengthen our parish as well.

The next card contains important campaign dates. Receptions will be taking place throughout the next few months. They are your opportunity to learn more about the campaign at both the Archdiocesan

and parish levels, meet with Campaign representatives, and have your questions addressed. I implore each of you to attend a reception. Please determine which reception date works best for you and your family and RSVP to the parish office ASAP.

The next card is one of great benefit to our parish. The Be Connected card is what we are using here at the parish to update our census. We will be using it for much more than the campaign. It will help us update our records and most importantly, allow us to know just how you would like to be contacted to stay abreast of happenings here at the parish. This will help us grow as a community and in our spirit of Fellowship.

On the back of the Be Connected card is a Volunteer card. We know our Parish relies heavily on Volunteers; many who are here today. And for this, I thank you. I ask you to consider giving of your time and talents to help our parish as we undertake this campaign. Some members of our parish have already volunteered to lead our Campaign Committee. Their names are here and they are a great source of information about the campaign.

Finally, you will see a QR code directing you to take a First Look at the Campaign. Simply open the camera function on your smart phone and hold it over the code. The phone will read the code and ask you if

you would like to open it. When you open it you will be able to watch a 90 second video from Cardinal DiNardo outlining this Capital Endeavor. Thank you in advance for how I know you will come together as a parish and support this campaign. As always, please come to me with any questions or for clarification on anything. Together, we will answer the call of our Archdiocese and ensure the Campaign's success.