

*H*ello to you, our Online Friend!

We of the Schola Cantorum of the Pacific® are now well into our 50th Year as an ensemble and educational organization devoted to Fine Liturgical Music and Catholic Music Education. The Schola turns 50 on Thursday, October 8th.

These summer months have the liturgical name, “Ordinary Time,” yet it is not a time of the “commonplace.” This is the “time ordained,” the “time established.” In a sense it is the “best time,” because in the Church Year, from Advent to Pentecost, the central mysteries of our Faith have been celebrated. We now, in turn, focus on the Virtues of the Christian Life, finding in each Sunday in Ordinary Time, particular qualities of the devout Christian to which can espouse, in which we can grow, which we can manifest in our daily lives. So “Ordinary” Time is a wonderful time in our Faith.

In the Lord’s Prayer we say, “...Give us this day our daily bread.” Something does remain “quotidian” about our summer day-of-day. But in the eyes of the Church it is a glorious time.

I hope that you find in perusing our webpage, thoughts that help you focus on the magnificence of the Catholic and yes, the Ecumenical Christian, experience. I’ll go farther: The Judeo-Christian experience, as we have so much in common. For the Catholic, liturgy continues. The assembly of the Faith continues. Communal and personal prayer flourishes in a brightness of summer and in a special way during vacations and outings. For all is done in Faith, and the Lord is present everywhere. And when we travel, we can visit Faith communities wherever we go. The old saying is, “Travel broadens the mind.” But yes also, “Travels broadens the Spirit.”

May you have a Grace-filled summer.

Our Schola prayer for you is actually the motto of the Schola since 1976: Celebrent Te, Populi, Deus. May the Peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you!

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