

Story Day September 30th 9:00 am-1:00 pm as facilitated by Canon Tom Quijada-Discavage
HISTORY DAY AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE. IT'S YOUR STORY DAY

Don't miss your opportunity to make your important presence, opinion, and perspective known as Trinity goes through our transition process by being part of History Day, now known as STORY DAY.. Everyone -new attendants and old members, actively involved or Sunday worshippers only, seniors and young people, and especially those whom we have not seen for awhile- is encouraged to be part of this fun-filled day. Breakfast goodies will be available in the morning, and Andrew Christopherson and the Trinity Camp crew is making arrangements for Brats and Beer 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon as part of the annual Camo fund raiser. (October Fest will continue in the evening 5:00-7:00.)

Trinity has in the past documented her history in small booklets and info pages in our directories, but this is a totally different approach to capturing who we were, who we are, and what we hope to become. It is vital to the accuracy of the finished document that we represent honestly everyone's life in relationship to the church as they see it.

It is important to note the submissions you give will not be for publication, but rather an internal document for the congregation's use only and for the new rector to get a fair accounting of who we are.

So how does this work? About September 10th a large roll of butcher paper will be hung on the walls of the Great Hall with a time line noted. You have the opportunity to write down all important events that were/are happening in the world, the community, and the parish along the appropriate decades over the next two weeks by writing on provided post it paper and attaching to the butcher paper.

Next write all the detail of your connections to the church: when did you first start coming, what brought you here, what programs were important to you, what groups did you belong to. List marriages and baptisms. Do include our accomplishments, as you see it, in the church mission and programming AND don't be afraid to point out our challenges (or pimples, as Canon Tom has encouraged).

On the day of, interview tables and facilitators will be set up if you simply want to tell your story aloud. Your eager listener will be your scribe. AND we have invited some notable parishioners to share their knowledge in short intervals throughout the day. Larry Burgess, Jeffrey Rickard, Pat Meyer, Melanie Hanson and David Raff have not only said yes to this part of our morning program but have done so happily. These presentations alone will make the day worth your while. An open mike will be available so those assembled can add to these presentations.

As we get closer to September 30, bring in personal and historical photos and memorabilia and place on the tables near the corresponding time line. If you want to bring these items in during the week, please check in with Cheryl Monday - Thursday first.

I'm going to reiterate the importance of YOU being part of this day. The information shared is not only going to give a composite of who we were as a parish community, but who we can be in a new era. This puts emphasis on the importance of the input of new people who have joined more recently whose perspective can better shape a total view point.

As for the value of this day to you personally, beyond the sharing of our individual stories in connection to Trinity, there is the physical bonding afforded all of us in our attendance.

The Office of Formation and Transition Ministry and her clergy representatives express the importance thusly: "By telling the story, the parish reconnects to its identity both through remembering as well as giving hope and vision for the future as well as offering the opportunity to bond as it enters into the challenging time of transition."

Jerry Mihld and I are waiting to greet you with great expectation. Help us and the Story Day Committee make this a Trinity Celebration Day!

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