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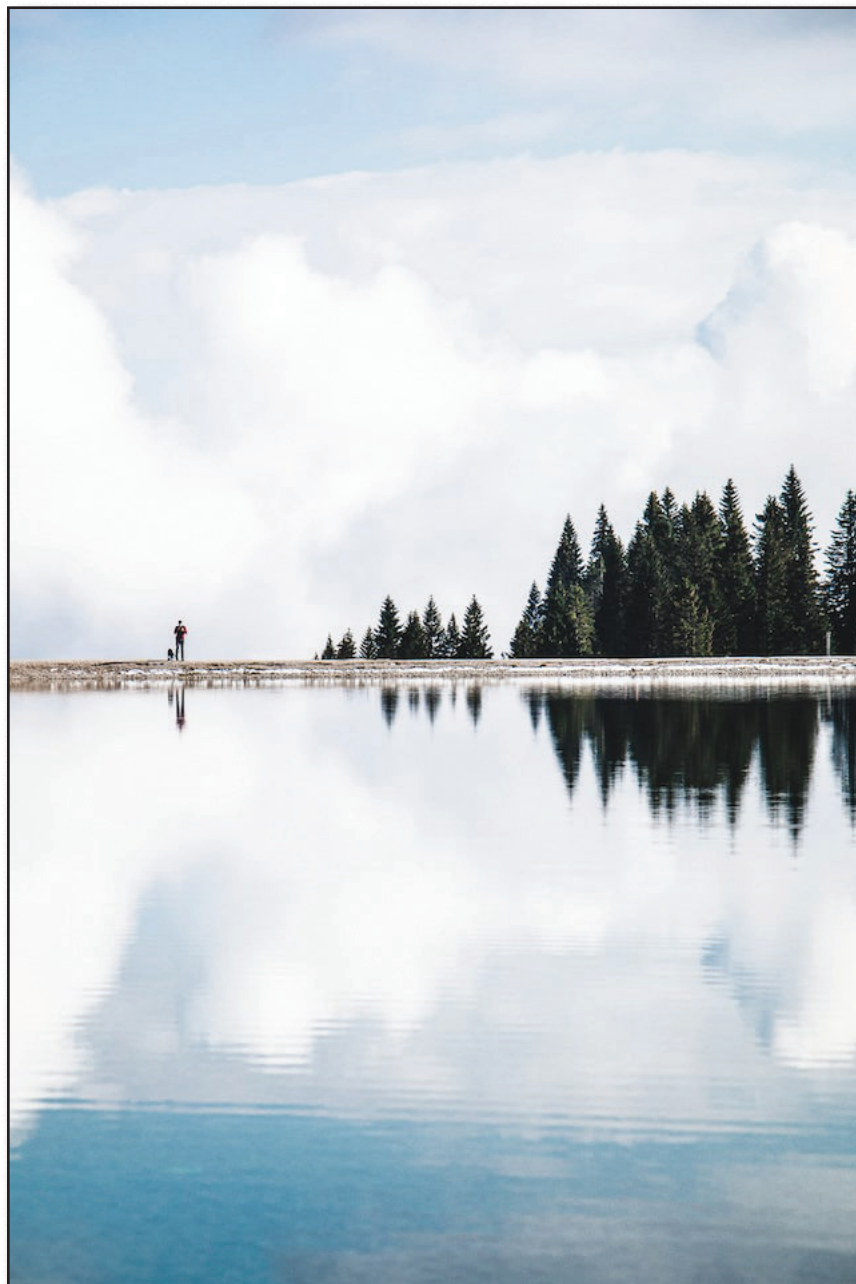
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**THE GIFT OF PIETY OR HOLINESS**  
**October 2022**

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The cover photo shows a person standing on a dock near a lake. The scene is reflected in the water of the lake. Sr. Shirley Evangeline reminds us how Christ reflects God's glory... (Hebrews 1:3). What do our lives reflect?

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**CALENDAR**

**CORPORATE COMMUNIONS  
REGIONAL GATHERINGS  
October 2022**

Below is a list of the monthly Regional Gatherings and Corporate Communion. Meetings are open to all members (Sisters, Brothers, Workers, Companions, Friends and Applicants). If you are interested in attending an online Regional Gathering, please contact the Zoom Host and she/he will add you to the group's email list.

**Regional Zoom Gatherings**

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| Eastern Regional USA  | Br. David, WBHS, brdavidwbhs1@gmail.com               | <b>Oct. 22 - 11:30 AM ET</b> |
| Central Regional USA  | Sr. Nancy Teresa, WSHS, nancybrooks40@gmail.com       | <b>Oct. 22 - 2:00 PM CT</b>  |
| Southern Regional USA | Sr. Kathleen Rachel, WSHS, srkathleenrachel@gmail.com | <b>Oct. 22 - 3:30 PM ET</b>  |
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**In-person Corporate Communion**

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| Carthage, Missouri       | Sr. Barbara Veronica, WSHS | TBD |
| Pleasant Hill, Tennessee | Sr. Janeen Julian, WSHS    | TBD |

**REGIONAL GATHERING/CORPORATE COMMUNION DATES**

**October 22 • November 19 • December 10**

**Call to Prayer.** Please remember our Community in prayer twice a day 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM in your time zone and pray for World Peace at Noon.



**8:00 AM - Prayer for our Community  
12:00 Noon - Prayer for World Peace  
5:00 PM - Prayer for our Community**




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**FROM YOUR DIRECTORS**
**Remembering Queen Elizabeth II**

For those in our Community who do not have access to email, here is the remembrance we sent out prior to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Queen Elizabeth was Defender of the Faith of the Church of England, the basis of the Episcopal Church in the USA and the Anglican Church of Canada. Our sympathy goes out to all of our members who recognized her as Queen.

“Please remember in your prayers and meditations this Monday, Sept. 19th, Queen Elizabeth as our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the head of our Church, is buried in London. Her Majesty was a very devout Christian sovereign who exemplified true faith and loyalty to our Lord. May she rest in peace as we mourn the loss of a bright light who served her God and country with grace and wisdom. God bless the Queen!”

With much love and gratitude for a life well served in His name.

*Sr. LaVerne, Sr. Christine, Sr. Wendy Samuel*




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**SPIRITUAL SHARING**

Since the pandemic my life and goals have really simplified. I got back to attending Church in person but have not gotten very involved and have not gone back to any volunteer work. I concentrate on my family, home and friends and neighbors, trying to do the best I can in rather a limited field. I continue to try to lead a balanced lifestyle alternating work with prayer, reading, art and socializing. Time is going by so fast especially when raising children and watching them grow into adulthood. It seems days turn into weeks and weeks into months and years so very quickly anymore. I sometimes feel as though I am on an airplane accelerating towards takeoff into eternity. I expect our generation is all on the same flight and all we can do is put on our seatbelts and hope the ride isn't too bumpy.

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Yesterday I rode the DC Circulator Mall route all the way around. I wasn't going to get off the bus at first. The route takes you to the major memorials, Smithsonian museums, and art galleries. I was just going for the ride. I decided to get off the bus at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. I haven't been there since August 23, 2011, the day that would have been my Dad's birthday. The EARTHQUAKE tremors (damage to the Cathedral, the Washington Monument, and all over the metro area, including our house) happened right when I got home.

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It's so nice to see everyone monthly, and today was so renewing for me. I'm so grateful for our Community.

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I walked around, reading the messages of Hope and was praying, thanking God for helping me to survive through all the "hell" that I have experienced. I said that I could not give up! When I was in the front of the monument and getting ready to leave to go back to the bus stop, I heard a man talking loudly to a group of people about the Memorial. He was explaining that there was an earthquake on 8/23/2011 and that Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke about hope. This was not a coincidence for me. I needed to hear that. I said another Thank You, Jesus!

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I am very aware that knowledge in the world can be divisive and confusing and not always life affirming, especially if it is not accompanied by the wisdom that comes from reflecting on our life experiences and mediated by love. Being human I am not always motivated by love but sometimes by using knowledge to prove my point, to give advice, to prove that I am more knowledgeable than I really am.

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Knowledge & wisdom that comes from time spent with a loving God is more apt to be used sparingly and with great care, realizing that the relationship is more important at times, than any knowledge revealed. It's a case of coming from a deep place of caring for the other. I continue to draw support from my quiet times, times to assimilate all the experiences and learnings that are coming in daily. I especially am refreshed by silence shared with a spiritual friend on the same path. Lately a lectio type reading before this quiet time spoke to me on faith. To quote Richard Rohr:

*"Faith as we see in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' usage of them, is much closer to our words "trust" or "confidence" than it is about believing doctrines to be true. Simply believing doctrines demands almost no ego-surrender or real change of the small self. ....and later .... Faith filled people are, quite simply, usable for larger purposes because they live in and listen to a much Larger Self."*

This passage reminds me of our topic this month of knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge that comes from knowing that God is good, God can be trusted, and God is actively involved in my life is the kind of knowledge and wisdom that can be life affirming when shared by example or word with others.

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I know the Lord loves me and I'm supported by the WSHS/WBHS Community and my own church. It's not as much fun being solely in charge of everything. Though it has taught me to reach out to spend time with others more than I'm used to. That's good.

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I enjoyed the Corporate Communion in July; it was wonderful to see everyone and to catch up and talk about everything. I enjoyed Ted's article on the gift of Fortitude/Courage. As I think about the gift of Fortitude, I think about my current journey through illness and how I know that I cannot do it without the strength and support of God and the prayers of the Community and my Church. I am grateful and thankful each day as I walk with God.



## FORMATION AND TRAINING

## The Gift of Piety or Holiness

By

Sr. Shirley Evangeline, WSHS



*Sr. Shirley Evangeline lives in Springfield Missouri. She was admitted as a Worker in April 2014.*

How can I, a mere mortal, demonstrate Christ's example of holiness and piety in my life in today's world?

Our lives are really a reflection of our holiness and our piety and begins within our heart. Our lives are recognized by thankfulness, devotion, faith, allegiance, loyalty, fidelity to obligations, a deepening desire to exhibit the examples given to us by Christ which, by the way, are all reflected in The Prayer of our Community we recite each day:

*Blessed Spirit of God who has called us into this community, come to us in all your fullness and power, and enable us to consecrate our lives to your will. As the branches are in the vine, so may we abide in You. May your fruit become evident in our lives - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance. Give us understanding of your Holy Gospel, firmness of purpose, diligence in service, and a beauty of life in Christ. Help us to fulfill our commitment to You, to each other, and to this community so that it may truly be a witness to the world of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.*

Christ left us with examples of holiness and piety and are described in these chapters in the Bible:

### John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### Hebrews 1:3

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

### Hebrews 10: 14-16

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds".

Leviticus 19:1-2

The Lord spoke to Moses saying, Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Leviticus 26:9

Rewards for obedience, I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you.

2nd Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2nd Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1st Peter 1:15-16

Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "you shall be holy for I am holy."

My 15-year-old granddaughter, Eva, shared the following with me. I found it timely for this writing:

"10 Ways to Love"

Listen without interrupting  
Speak without accusing  
Give without sparing  
Pray without ceasing  
Answer without arguing  
Share without pretending  
Enjoy without complaint  
Trust without wandering  
Forgive without punishing  
Promise without forgetting

So, as we strive to follow Christ's examples of blessedness, devoutness, piety, not worldly or surrounding himself with worldly goods, showing compassion and care for all he came in contact with, we can be reassured each of us is following in his footsteps.

**Questions for Reflection**

*Please remember it is not necessary to answer all of the questions  
Choose one or two that speak to you and perhaps you would like to share.*

There are a lot of questions we could ask each other about the words of this topic "The Gift of Piety" but I would like for us to reflect on the words from Sr. Shirley Evangeline's 15 old granddaughter, Eva, which she has shared with us.

## “10 Ways to Love”

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Let us take time to consider each line and bring into our lives Holiness and Piety. Perhaps you may want to take time to journal on this and keep the notes in your Journal to reflect upon over the weeks. “At that time Jesus declared “I praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.” ~ Matthew 21-16.