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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

September 02, 2012, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Celebrant: Fr Simon Boiser

Wives submit to your husbands ...?

Submission is a provocative word in a society where people want to live a self-determined life and women have long struggled for emancipation from the oppression of a patriarchal society. What to make of such a statement today?

Biblical texts have to be understood in their historical context. St. Paul changes the literal content by putting Jesus Christ as the model. In the Christian house code relationships between people are not determined by domination, oppression or control, but by the kind of self-giving love (agape) that expresses itself in service after the model of Christ, who came to serve, not to be served.

Paul applies this in Ephesians 5-6: "Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ." Thus, the law of submission applies not just to wives, but equally to husbands. And Paul spells this out for the husbands for whom this was particularly difficult to accept in a patriarchal culture. They are to love their wives, as Christ loves his people and his church. Jesus' kind of love is shown in service (washing of the feet) and self-giving (giving his life for others). If husband and wife love each other selflessly and are at the service of each other, they will experience what is said in the creation story in Genesis 2: one body and they will live with the joy of being like one person.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

Our next **Family Bazaar** will take place on **Saturday, September 8th from 9 am to 3 pm**. Please volunteer to help with setup, cleanup and selling coffee and cakes. Sign up with Heide Doblhofer.

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