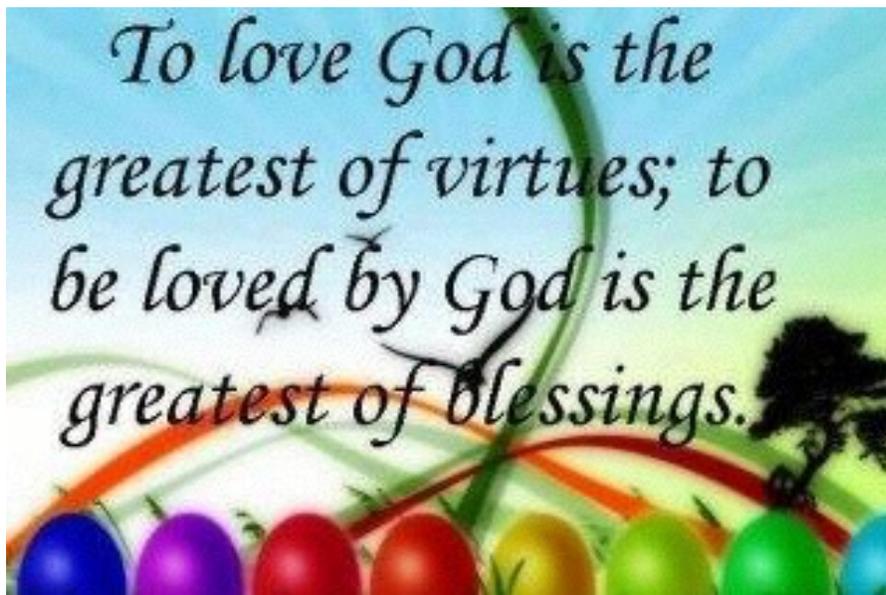


FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM: Well, it has been more than just a little busy this week, and last Sunday was a wonderful celebration. Many people spend a lot of time to make this weekend special... I would like to thank Chrystyna our secretary and Adele Krawchuk for all the work they did in preparing for our 35th. Anniversary. They spent hours going through photos for our three new picture boards, selling tickets and making sure everyone had a place to sit, and spent a lot of time putting together the beautiful centrepieces and making sure the hall look beautiful. Thank to Wally Krawchuk



for all his hard work in getting the Church ready making sure gold and silver sparkled and candles were clean and filled. Thank you Bob Oleskiw for doing such a great job as master of ceremonies. Thank Wally and Anthony our custodian for cleaning all the exterior windows and glass so the sun could shine in on this special day. Sincere thank to all who helped me in any

way in the kitchen to prepare and served our dinner (apparently it was delicious). Thanks to Lloyd Boyes, Mike Dugan, Mary Kozachenko, Pat Rosewarne, Carol Kopko, Chrystyna and Bob Tymczyszyn, Wilma Grochowina, Jerry Pryshlak, Rick. Geoffrey Barton our dishwasher and our wonderful wait staff. Thanks to Mike Dugan for putting in extra hours to make sure the parish grounds looked beautiful, and they did! Without all of your cooperation and hard work because of your love for your parish none of this would have be possible, so from the bottom of my heart and say Thank You! The Liturgy too, was wonderful, thank you to Svitlana our organist and choir director and all the choir members who came out to practice. Thank you to Christine Wormwell for playing the flute, it added much beauty to the celebration. A special thanks to the Kalyna dance group who generously gave of their time and talent to help us celebrate. Special guests always make our celebrations more joyful... thanks to the Knights of Columbus from Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines for your attendance and support, thanks to our brothers and sisters from St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Father Mielnik for sharing this day with us and for you encouraging and supportive words. Thanks to our brothers and sisters from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church here in St. Catharines for you presence and support, and a sincere thanks to our brothers and sisters for St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church from Beamsville for your presence and support and from St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Welland for your presence and support as well. A heartfelt thank you to member of the St. Catharines community who came and shared this joyful day, and a

sincere thank you to all our parishioners who attended and who for so many years have showed your love for St. John's through your dedication and hard work. Thank you Liz Osadec for being our official photographer. Last but not least thank you to Fr. Bohdan Choly (Sts. Cyril and Methodius St. Catharines), Fr. Nicholas Deak (St. John's Hungarian Greek Catholic Church Welland), Fr. Viktor Nazartchuk (St. Mary,s Niagara Falls), Fr. Basil (St. John's) Fr. John Sloan (St.Michael's Welland) and Fr. Paul McDonald K of C St. Catharines) and the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (Ancaster) for your presence and prayerful support. May God bless all of you!

Let us pray: Lord, You are the Father of blessings and we thank You for Your goodness. Keep us united in Your love that we continue to grow and witness to all the power of Your love. Amen.