

Kildare Ministries

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Kildare MINISTRIES

*Kildare Ministries is inspired
by the transformative vision
of the Christian story
and our rich traditions.*

Our Vision

A community where
all people are valued,
where all creation is
recognised as sacred
and where hope, justice
and courage are our
hallmarks.

Our Mission

Responding to the
changing needs of our
world, we strive to build
inclusive communities
through the provision
of education and
community works.

Wonder

**Celebrating all that
is good with joy
and gratitude**

Justice

**Making the needs
of the vulnerable
paramount**

Courage

**Speaking and
acting with
integrity**

Our Values

Compassion

**Walking with and
having empathy
for all**

Hospitality

Welcoming all

Hope

**Bringing a sense
of purpose**





Hospitality



Pope Francis, Angelus July 17, 2016

- “...Even in one's own house, among one's own family, it's easier to find service and care of various types than listening and welcome... Today we are so busy and in such a hurry, with so many problems, some of which are unimportant, we lack the capacity to listen. We are constantly busy and thus we don't have time to listen,”
- "I ask you to learn to listen and dedicate more time to this," the Pope concluded. "In the capacity to listen is the root of peace."

Hospitality



Pope Francis, Vatican Meeting with Jesuit Alumni, 18 Sept 2016

- “I encourage you to welcome refugees into your homes and communities, so that their first experience of Europe is not the traumatic experience of sleeping cold on the streets, but one of warm human welcome....
- “Remember that authentic hospitality is a profound gospel value that nurtures love and is our greatest security against hateful acts of terrorism...”
- “I urge you to help transform your communities into places of welcome where all God’s children have the opportunity not simply to survive, but to grow, flourish and bear fruit.”

Hospitality



- Most important virtue in the ancient world (Homer, Plato, Plautus, Ovid)
 - *Hospes* (Lat): guest or host
 - *Hospitalis*: relating to a guest or host
 - Hospitable, hospice, hospital
 - *Hospital*: 'A house for the reception and entertainment of pilgrims, travellers, or strangers; a charitable institution..' (OED)
 - *Hospitality*: 'The act or practice of being hospitable; the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers...'

Hospitality

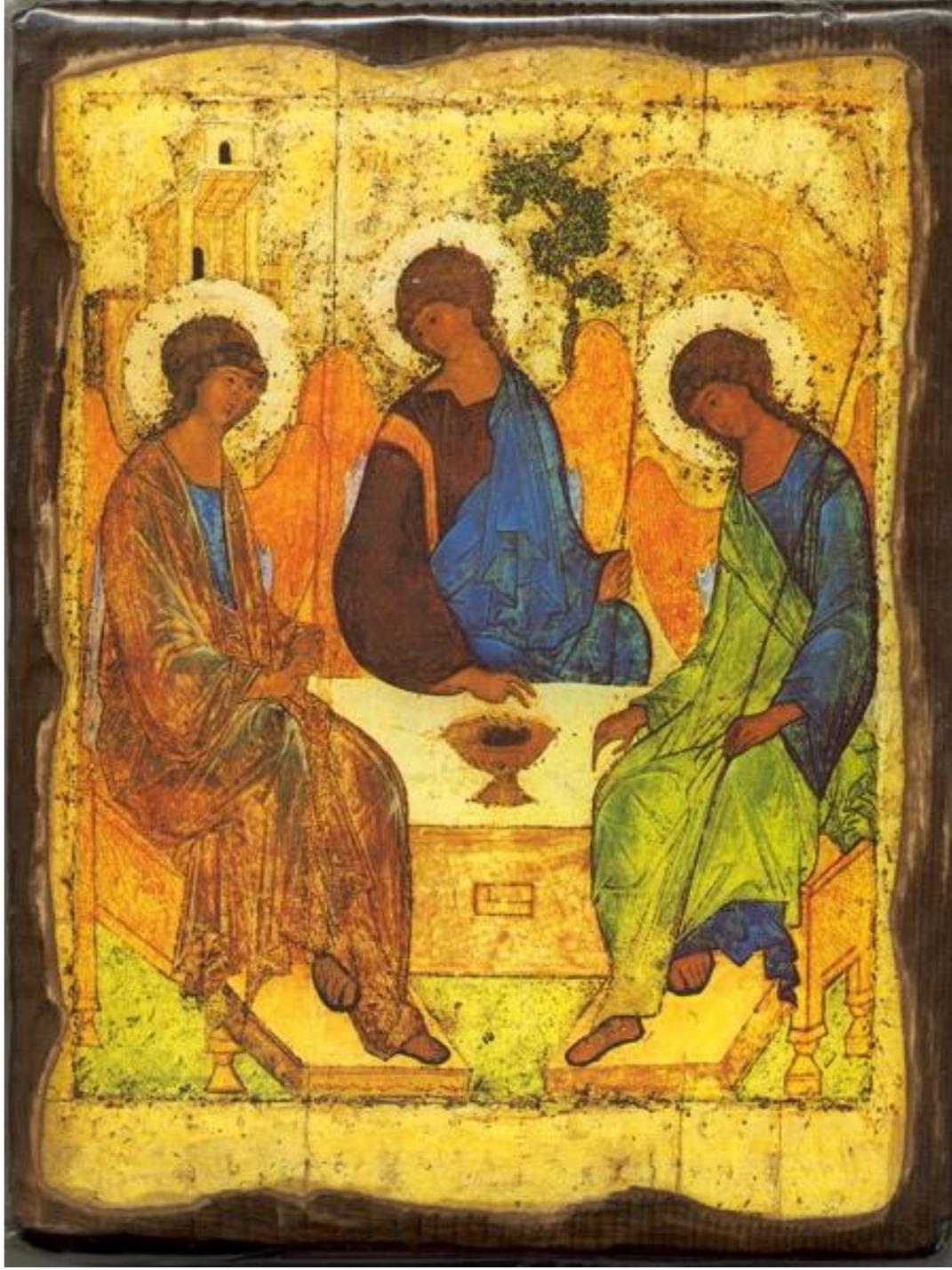
- *Xenia* (Gk): Hospitality
- *Xenos*: Stranger
- *Philoxenia*: Love of the stranger
- *Xenizo* act of hospitality
- *Xenos*: One who shows hospitality
- *Kataluo*: To experience hospitality
- *Kataluma*: Place of public hospitality



hospitality

- Gen 18.2-8
- Trinitarian Relationship
 - Intimacy of communion
 - Perichoretic 'dance' between Father, Son and Holy Spirit





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The paradigm of hospitality

Jn. 13:1-7

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

The paradigm of hospitality

Jn. 13:8-17

⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord-- and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.





<https://youtu.be/IAallxmwyDU?t=10>

hospitality

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

- Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Lord gets involved and he involves his own, as he kneels to wash their feet. He tells his disciples: “You will be blessed if you do this” (*Jn 13:17*). An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. (para 24)

Phil 2.1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete:

be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition (rivalry) or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves [Or: in humility with one another consider exceeding each other]. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.



Leadership in Paul's households

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who,

though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leadership in Paul's households

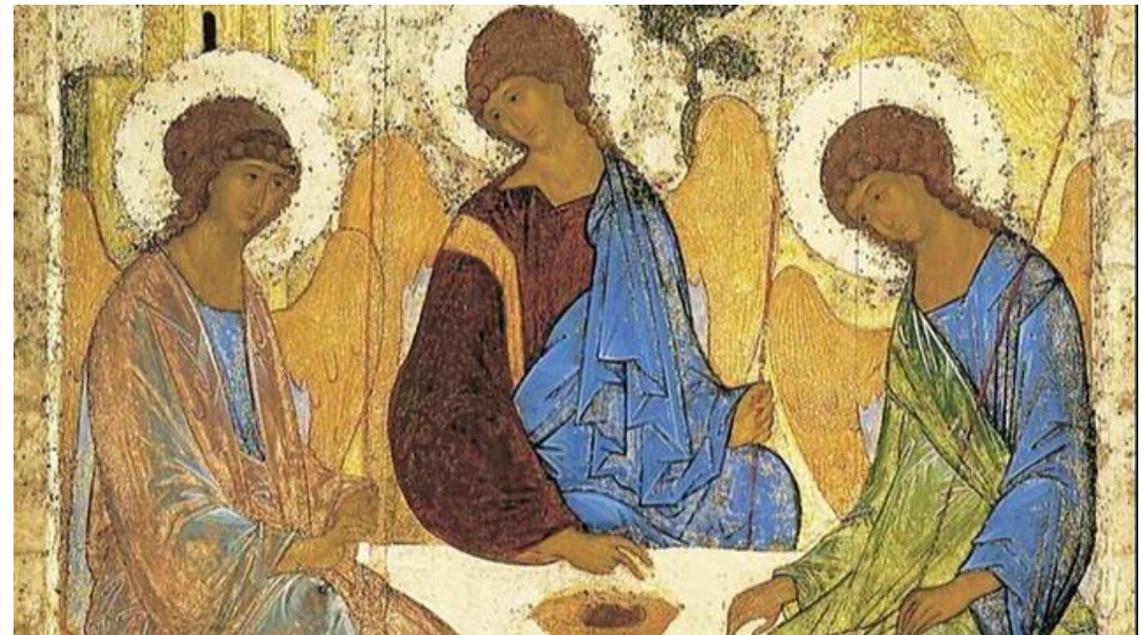
- 2.2 'be of the same mind(*phroneo*) ,
having the same love,
being in full accord (*sumpsucho*)
and of one mind' (*phroneo*)



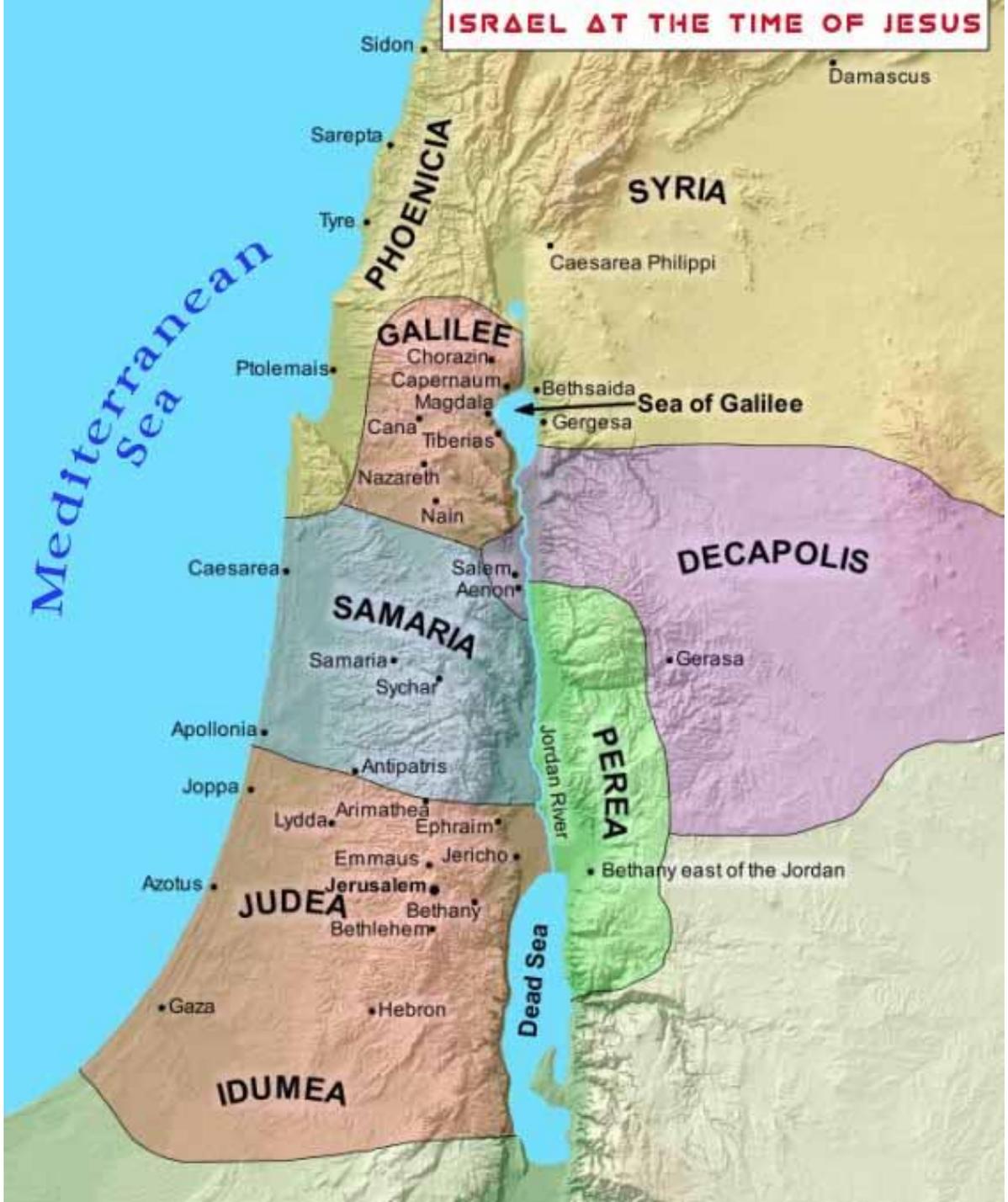
- *Phroneo* = heart of one's spirit
& intellect; wisdom
 - This frames & affects every act & attitude
 - Love
- *Sumpsucho* = communion in the spirit; solidarity

Hospitality

- In Luke-Acts
 - Lk. 15:1-3: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable:
- A story of Hospitality in Acts
 - Context
 - Luke's project
 - Role of Peter
 - Location



ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS



Hospitality

- Biblical Tradition

- Hospitality of Abraham (Gen 18.2-8)

- A religious act which brings blessing

- Jesus: revealer of God's hospitality to the strange and alien

- Philippians

- Jn 13

- Lk Jesus as host and guest—always eating in Lk!

- Lk 9.10-17

- Hospitality and care of creation typifies the disciple's response to the urban hunger

- Making oneself vulnerable





Christ Dining in Young and Jackson's, 1947 (John Perceval)



Christmas Eve, 1947-48 (John Perceval)

Hospitality

- EG 24: ‘The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. *1 Jn* 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and **welcome** the outcast.
- ‘...Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy. ...
- ‘... An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.
- ‘...An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time. Faithful to the Lord’s gift, it also bears fruit. An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful.

Hospitality

- LS119: ‘Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others.
- ‘...Our openness to others, each of whom is a “thou” capable of knowing, loving and entering into dialogue, remains the source of our nobility as human persons. A correct relationship with the created world demands that we not weaken this social dimension of openness to others, much less the transcendent dimension of our openness to the “Thou” of God.
- ‘...Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God. Otherwise, it would be nothing more than romantic individualism dressed up in ecological garb, locking us into a stifling immanence.

Hospitality

- Moving outwards and seeking the outcast
- Involved with people's lives
- Bridges distances and 'smells the sheep'
- Patience and disregards time constraints
- Involves ecological hospitality

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