



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

June 9, 2024

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### ***“Ohana On Christ”***

We all belong to a family. You and I were brought into this world through our parents. Whether we have siblings or not, family does matter, for it can be the seedbed of goodness. As much as we envision families to be good, not all can experience such. We live in a broken world caused by sin and evil. In order to restore unity and peace, there are two essential things to do: to cling to Christ and do the will of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that anyone who does God’s will is His brother, sister, and mother. He goes beyond blood relationships and looks at building a family or Ohana from a different perspective.

We understand His words not to mean to leave behind our families but to make them even more bonded when every member does God’s will. When Christ is the center of the family, Gospel values prevail, resulting in mutual respect, care, and concern for the well-being of every member. When these are experienced, there can be peace, love, and joy.

Some time ago, a couple celebrated the Golden Anniversary of their marriage. I found this to be inspiring that all throughout their years, they had sustained the commitment despite their struggles and sacrifices. They shared with me their joys and sorrows. As we were preparing to have this celebration of life and love, I asked the couple what sustained them. First, they said they never go to sleep with a heavy heart. They always find a way to say sorry to each other if they have hurt each other’s feelings. Secondly, they said they always held on to the Lord, and that was their foundation all throughout their married life. Not only did they hold on to the Lord but also, but they also followed the best way they could to follow the will of the Lord.

Amidst the chaos and challenges of our world, there is a path to fulfillment. It begins with a deep devotion to God and a commitment to follow His will. For God’s will is always Good, Beautiful, and True. Let us open our hearts to His guidance, and in doing so, we become part of the Ohana of Christ, a family united in faith and love.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual