

Dear friends –

Welcome to our Website!

Thanks to all who contributed time and information to make this site possible, and especially to Mr. Dennis Nesser, who is constructing and maintaining it. Our hope is that it will provide a vital means of communication within our parish community and beyond.

At Lebh Shomea House of Prayer in Sarita, Texas, where I go for a few days of retreat each year, there are two oak trees which were planted right next to each other many years ago. As their trunks swelled, the trees began to grow into one another, the two trunks fusing into one and the branches interlacing. How many storms, freezes, hurricanes, insect infestations have buffeted these trees over the years? Only God knows. Perhaps neither would be standing today, except that in stressful times they could draw on one another's strength, enduring together what one tree alone might not. And so they stand today.

What is a community? We could say that it is a group of people who have become special to one another in some way, who have decided to give of themselves to one another so that all might have life. Through our common faith, through our shared efforts, through the constant reminders what we are all sons and daughters of a living God, through the many celebrations we have had around the common Table of the Lord, we Catholic Christians have formed such a community together in Gonzales and Waelder. Like this website, our community is still “under construction”, not an accomplished fact but a work in progress. So it will remain until the end of time. But our decision to “plant ourselves next to one another”, to support one another in times of difficulty, to share our faith, to dare to claim our love for one another – is, we believe, pleasing to God, and in keeping with our Creator's plan for us. And like those two oaks at Lebh Shomea, together we can attain a quality of life, a depth of Spirit and truth, that no one of us could ever attain alone.

May God bless our community of parishes! -- Fr. Paul