

Reflection for the Week

What will survive of us is love...

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
(1 Corinthians 13: 13)

On Friday, a much-cherished church member was buried. This person expressed their hope that they would be reunited with their spouse. It is not an uncommon hope and desire. It illustrates the binding power of love even beyond the grave.

Beyond the achievements and accolades that we might receive in life, the thing that will last – what our most intimate family and friends will remember – is how we loved; our capacity for self-giving, sharing, accommodating and being for another – or others. Over time, achievements are surpassed and regarded as stepping-stones for the next new project. For some, their life and work are recorded in archives and monographs. For others their memories are held in snapshots in a box under the bed or on the desktop of a PC. Everyone has a story to tell but the most important, enduring story is the tale of their love for the people they knew and through that, their love of God.

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.' (1 John 4: 7-8).

*Love goes into God's presence,
while at the gate
Reason and Knowledge
must remain
and for an audience wait.*

Angelus Silesius