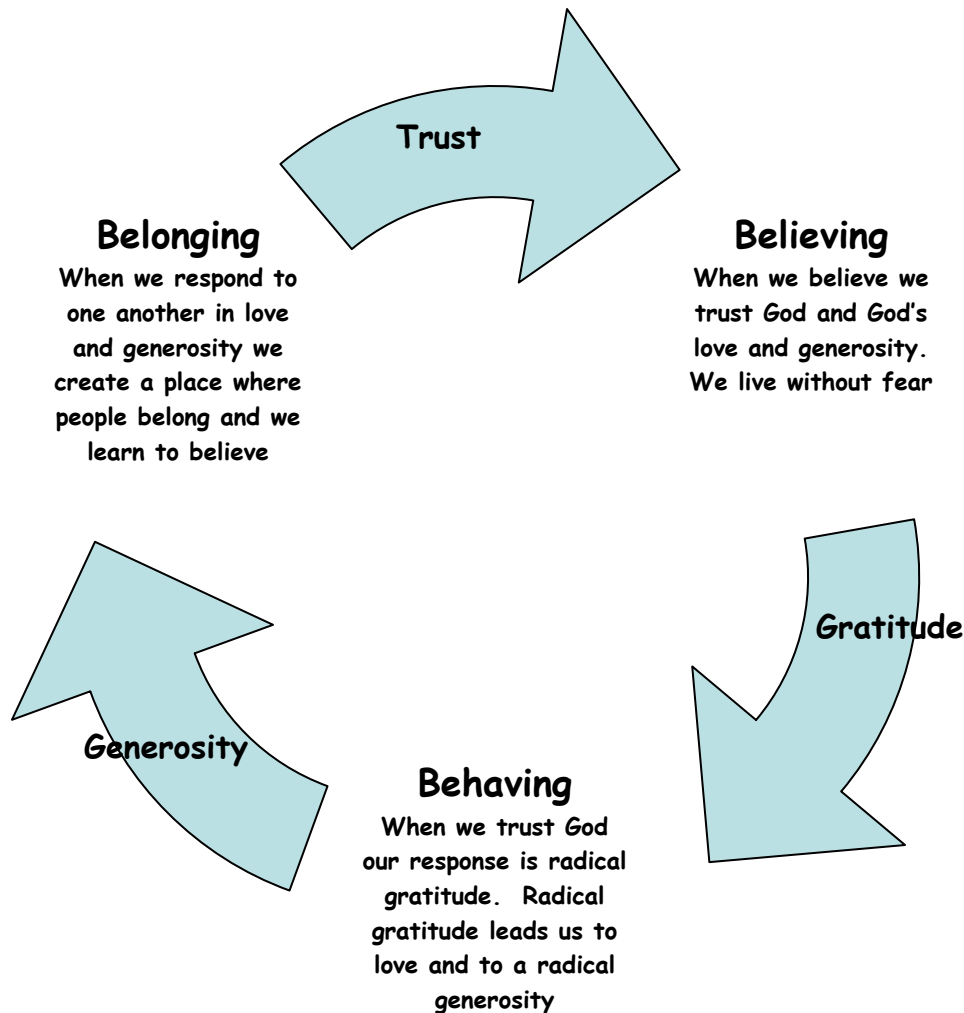


# Homily - November 23, 2014

## A Model of Being Church



In our shared fellowship, worship, Bible study and ministries we strive for deeper understanding of God and what it is that God calls us to be, individually and collectively. We pray and desire to **Believe** – to trust in God. As we develop our trust we come to understand the radical nature of God's love and generosity, God's Grace. Everything we are, everything we have, everything that is, comes from God. Freely given. Gracefully entrusted.

When we start to recognize God's radical generosity, our response must be gratitude. In loving gratitude we want to please God. When we believe, when we trust, we please God by reflecting God's love and generosity in how we **behave**. God's people are called to love and generosity. This expresses itself in every aspect of our lives. We try to be generous in our acceptance of one another and of one another's needs. We try to be generous in the sharing of all that God has entrusted to us, personally and corporately. This generosity is extended to all who come to us and to all we meet.

When we and those who come to our parish experience God's love and generosity here, we know we **belong**. As we begin to understand the nature of the love and generosity we experience, we learn greater trust, we **believe**.

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