

Dear Choir Members,

In my world peregrination I came across a passage that, I think, is quite meaningful. Here is for your perusal:

If we were to ask what single word could summarize the entire Christian message, the answer would be "LOVE". We read in the 13th chapter of St. John's gospel. "...love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Reading further, we find to what extreme this love might be tested, "The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them." Of course, rarely are we called upon to give such proof of our feelings for another, at least not in the physical act of dying.

If we were to ask somebody in S.F.A.C.C. what they think is distinctive about our Choir, they would probably reply "FAMILY SPIRIT", or feeling that they are an integral part of a caring group of people.

Looking at Me above, one cannot help but see the common thread running through all. When we have to work, play, pray and sing together with them, we begin to come to a realization that they, like we, are beings who think, feel, and have values. The majority, if not all, attempt to become a part of the whole community by sharing what they have, and learning to appreciate what others can offer. It is this spirit of sharing and feeling a part of another that makes us part of a family. To the extent that we fail to do such, is a mark of how far we fall short of achieving a sense of harmony with our Christian experience. As members of the Choir and of our S.F.A.C. we must feel an individual responsibility to make ourselves available to interaction. We must truly act with each other in a manner of respect, concern, love.

If we can achieve this feeling of fellowship, then it means that in some ways we do "die" for our friends. Our selfcentredness must die if we are