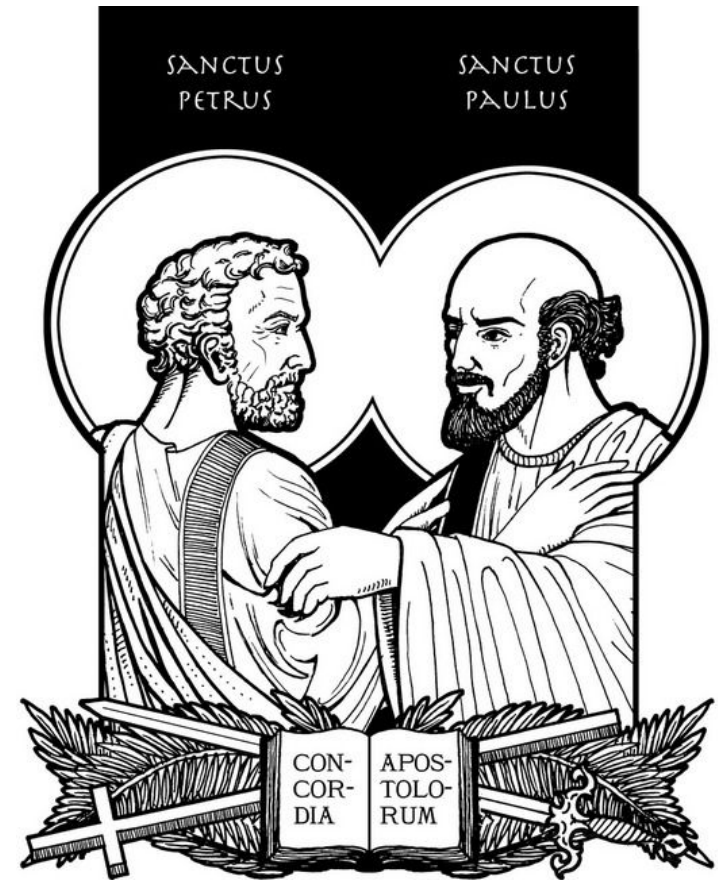


Both in art as well as in architecture Saint Peter and Saint Paul, once rivals, are now depicted as embracing each other in symmetric unity with their arms intertwined, a form of image known as the *Concordia Apostolorum* - "The Apostolic Harmony" (literally "the OneHeartedness of the Apostles"). Two men, from such different backgrounds, made brothers in Christ and apostles to the whole world. It is hard for us to imagine the love that they had and now have for one another, the depth of their friendship brought about through their shared faith in Jesus Christ.



Novena Prayers  
as we prepare to gather at the altar of God

St Mary's, Parish, Navan  
20 - 29 June 2020

## Novena in honour of SS Peter & Paul

O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul,  
our patrons and advocates;

Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles,  
the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His Church;

Saint Paul, chosen by God  
as the Preacher of truth in the whole world.

Obtain for us, we pray you, lively faith, firm hope,  
and burning love, freedom of heart and mind,  
patience in adversity, humility in prosperity,  
attention in prayer, purity of heart,  
the right intentions in all that we do,  
and the grace to do God's will in all things.

Pray that we may have strength to love God and neighbour  
following the example of Christ and at his command.

Help us to trust in God as you did unto death;  
so that, by your intercession and your glorious merits,  
we may be able to overcome the temptations of life  
and may be made worthy to appear  
before the eternal Shepherd of souls,  
Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
live and reign for endless ages.  
Amen.

St. Peter, rock on which the church is built.  
St. Paul, teacher of the nations.  
Princes of the apostles.  
Faithful witnesses.

**Pray for us**  
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## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

Let us pray:

Defend, O Lord your servants  
from all dangers of body and soul.  
Through the intercession  
of the holy apostles Peter and Paul,  
and in union with Mary the mother of God,  
grant that your people may soon rejoice  
to gather around your altar,  
to be nourished by your Word  
and by your Sacred Body and Blood,  
you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen