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Pastor's Column

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Gość Dom w Bóg Dom

“Gość Dom w Bóg Dom” is a Polish saying that translates “A guest in the house is God in the house.”

This phrase comes to mind as I reflect upon the warm spirit of hospitality that I experience over and over again here in our Parish.

This spirituality of hospitality was very much a part of my upbringing as a child in my home and in the homes of my extended family.

I recently read some thoughts on this spirituality of hospitality that I would like to share with you. These thoughts are taken from the book, *The More We Find in Each Other* by Mavis Fossum and Merle Fossum:

Our spiritual life is on the same plane as our everyday relationships. It's not just something within our mind or feelings, and it's not just lofty and in the clouds. Spirituality is between people and in all relationships. Its growth depends on the way we relate to each other as intimate partners. We find it in our relationship to ordinary things like the bread we eat and the water we drink. Spirituality is found in the ways we honor our body with food and touch, work and rest, and in the ways we honor each other.

...we...extend our spirituality through relationships with others. As we become friends with others or as we welcome people into our home, we receive them with hospitality because God is found in each of them. When we reach out to others or receive them as guests, they in turn enrich and bless our lives. This spiritual practice of hospitality has ancient roots all over the world. It teaches us to relate with generous hospitality to all guests who appear at our door.

Do something generous for someone today!

Fr. Mike