

Message From The Pastor

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An Exceptional Priest

Last month, on Saturday, January 30th, an exceptional priest of the Paterson Diocese entered into the eternal happiness of heaven. He is Monsignor Mark Giordani.

For many reasons Fr. Mark could be considered an exceptional priest. Even for some of us, a saintly one! However, one of the reasons he was exceptional, I wish to mention here.

Unquestionably, Fr. Mark was the most affirming person I, and probably hundreds of others, have ever met. Always and everywhere, he had a positive comment about the person with whom he was speaking. Affirmation was always ready to be graciously given, whenever you were in his presence. Either for what you have said or did, Fr. Mark made it known and he always gave thanks for it!

What a marvelous gift practiced by Fr. Mark! What a marvelous gift it would be if all of us could do the same in for the benefit of others. We are all called to affirm, never discourage. To speak positive about a person, not negative. That is the Christian way. After all, is there any of us who can be excluded from God's love? So precious is each one, God allowed His Beloved Son to die for sin, so we can be with God forever!

Fr. Mark, please intercede for us. May we be as affirming as you, as we continue to live in this world.

Peace
Fr. Marc