

Deacon's Beacons

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Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3–5

Suffering is not a punishment from God. But suffering can be for our good and for the good of others. The Catholic tradition embraces a Spirituality of Suffering. We understand that our suffering can help others. Most of you must remember your mother telling you to offer it up, maybe for the souls in Purgatory. If you approach suffering in that way, it takes on a new meaning. This is very much in line with what St. Paul wrote about when he talked about uniting his sufferings with Christ.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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