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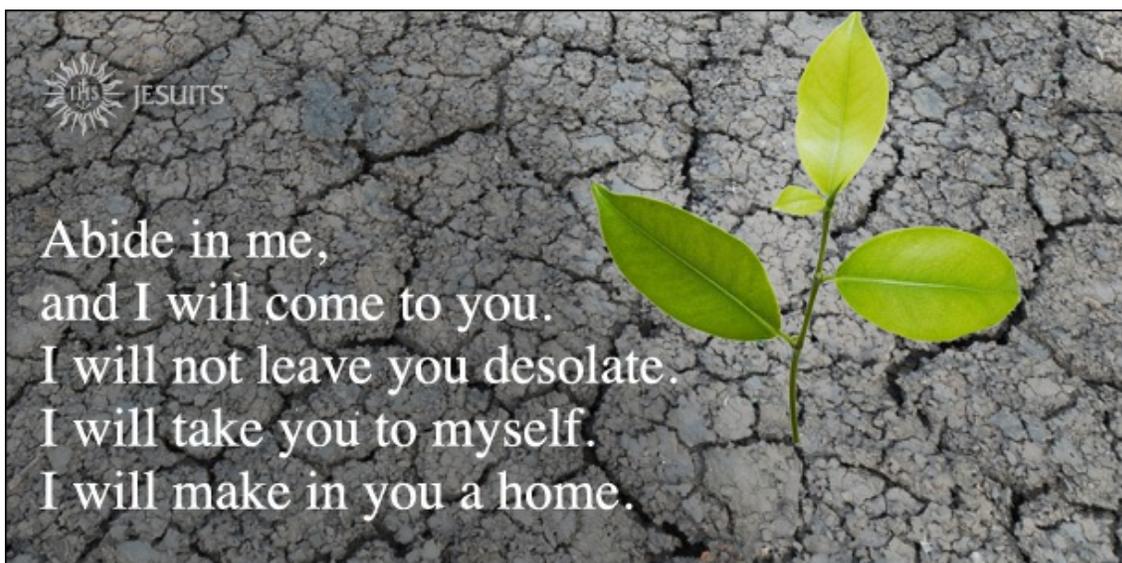
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OUR PIUS UPDATE
MARCH 23, 2021



UPDATE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER HUNDT REGARDING THE MOUNT CASHEL JUDGEMENT

(March 21, 2021)

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

As you know our Archdiocese is actively working to address the claims of abuse at the Mount Cashel Orphanage in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, for which the Newfoundland and Labrador Court of Appeal has held us vicariously liable.

As a Catholic community, we are called to provide an environment of compassion to victims who have experienced abuse and to do all we can to bring healing to the victims, their loved ones and the entire community of faith.

Presently, we are working with a team of advisors on a major restructuring plan-to provide a resolution of the victims' claims. This plan will involve consolidation and downsizing at both the diocesan and the parish levels. While the resolution of these claims will have significant implications for the parishes and parishioners of our Archdiocese, we must remember that the Catholic faith is not based on bricks and mortar. It is a faith based on a belief in a God of love and mercy who invites us to trust in Him and to share His love with one another. If we remain firm in this belief in God's goodness, and if we seek to reflect it in how we deal with our present situation, we can be assured that God will be with us in our efforts and that the final result will be a blessing to us all.

Over the coming weeks you may expect to see some properties listed on the real estate market. There may also be discussions at a parish level around potential changes that may come. We ask you to have patience throughout this process. We are still very much in an information gathering stage and when decisions are made we will communicate those directly. For now, we must do the necessary work to evaluate all aspects of our archdiocese.

I am convinced that if we journey together through this process with trust, patience and goodwill, we can help address the pain of the past and lay the foundation of hope for the future.

As we move forward with this process, I ask that you please join with me in praying for God's guidance, healing for the victims, and understanding, compassion and patience for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Peter Hundt
Archbishop of St. John's

A Note From Fr. Earl Smith, SJ

*The enclosed Archbishop's letter was not an easy letter to read or to hear. It awakens more uncertainty. We might wonder what will the future bring? While I do not have any answers, I do know our St. Pius X faith community are invited and committed to live our parish motto; **"to restore all things in Christ"** like never before. In this way we'll find a way forward. God will +bless us in our service to one another and transform us into the renewed parish community we hope to become.*

*The Archbishop's letter requires more reflection. While I do not know anything more than what is written in this letter, I am glad to exchange an email of response at earlsmithsj@gmail.com OR a phone call at **754-0170**. This phone line takes messages.*

ANCHOR INTO HOPE



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My grandmother reminded me often, *"One thing we can always count on in life is change"*. As a child, I never quite understood what she meant. Hearing this as an adult, it sometimes exasperated me. As much as I did not want to hear her words at times, I knew they were true. Life changes.

It's changing right now. Let's be honest. Life has been one change after another for several months now: Adjusting to sheltering at home. Learning to wear a mask. Embracing working from home. Learning how to venture back out again safely. And the changes we have faced in the last several months did not make *"normal"* life changes go away. We are still maneuvering changes in relationships, in jobs, in our health, in our finances, in our children, and on and on.

All this change can make us feel hopeless at times as we are constantly faced with uncertainty and the unknown. Thankfully, change is not the only thing we can always count on. As Hebrews 6:19 reminds us, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* Hope is infused in us by God alone, which is a deep comfort to remember on the days it is hard to anchor into hope.

Let's look at three ways we can anchor into hope.

Naming the Real

Hope begins with naming what is actually going on in our lives to God. Speaking our struggles to God allows us to lean into the source of our hope through honest sharing of our feelings, our fears, our hopes, and our desires.

Finding Our Still Point

In a world of steady change, it helps to have a still point upon which to fix our eyes. Our daily prayer time in our inner chapels allows us to lean into the still point of our lives, God. Letting God be our still point calms the turning world of chaos around us.

Embracing the Promises of God

Leaning into the unchanging promises of God increases our hope. We can anchor into these promises, knowing we are never alone, we are unconditionally loved, we are fully seen, and we have a companion in our suffering. Embracing these promises helps us stand on what is firm and secure in our lives.

These three ways remind us that God sees the reality of our lives, is always with us in prayer, and offers us promises that give us strong and steady ground to stand upon, even in times of great change.

As we name the real, find our still point, and embrace the promises of God, we are able to anchor into what is unchangeable. We can ***anchor into hope***.

SOURCE: www.ignatianspirituality.com , Becky Eldredge



OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION - EXPERIENCING PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

Facilitators: Fr. Earl Smith, SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ
When: Thursday, March 25
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The final session will be held **Thursday, March 25**
Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus Entry to Jerusalem

If you are interested in this Mission, please send an email to queenscollegenl.ca



Holy Week will soon be here. We invite you to pray and worship with us as we live stream the **Holy Week Services**.
If church Mass attendance is still not allowed, we are hopeful for the near future. Let us pray...



Palm Sunday
March 28 at 10:00 am
(regular time)



Holy Thursday
April 1 at 7:30 pm



Good Friday
April 2 at 3:00 pm



Holy Saturday
April 3
There will be no Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday



Easter Sunday
April 4 at 10:00 am
(regular time)

We hope you will be able to pray and worship with us by accessing our parish's webpage - www.spx.ca



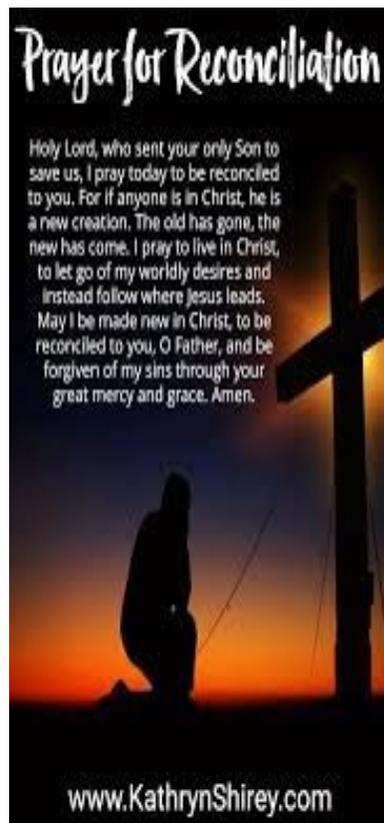
ST. PIUS X PARISH
(VIRTUAL) RECONCILIATION SERVICE
MARCH 30, 2021

We are pleased to invite you to an **on-line Reconciliation Service** to prepare for the Easter Triduum. The Service will include prayers, reflections on a scripture passage, and some time for personal prayer. The **Reconciliation Service** will be led by **Fr. Earl Smith, SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ**.

The **Reconciliation Service** is on **Tuesday, March 30** from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. It is a cooperative event of **Queen's College** and the **NL Jesuit Community**. You can join the **Reconciliation Service** at this link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/258914213> .

Also, feel free to invite others from your family and household to join with you, and please feel free to forward this invitation to others.

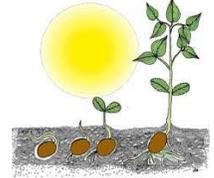
*This evening will not be offering sacramental reconciliation. Sacramental reconciliation is available upon request by phoning our **Parish Office** at **754-0170**.*





WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THE JOURNEY?

A traveler once went into a little shop. The shopkeeper asked, "What would you like? We have everything here that you could desire."



The traveler's reply came promptly, "I would like a world where all can live in peace, where everyone has enough to eat and every child can go to school. I want a world where everyone looks out for their neighbour and cares for others as much as for their own kith, and kin."

At this point the shopkeeper interrupted: "Sorry sir. I forgot to mention: we don't sell the fruits here: we only sell the seeds."

If we believe that life has meaning and purpose, we can make our dreams a reality. We can, and must, become the change we want to see.

Change won't happen on its own. It won't grow unless we plant the seeds.

So our role is very clear. As people of faith, we believe that each of us carries a seed of God's kingdom - something that only we can plant and nurture, each of us uniquely.

The challenge is to recognize the particular way in which we can personally help nudge the human family a little bit closer to God's dream for *shalom*.

If we believe that we are part of a journey that has meaning and purpose, how are we going to make that journey a reality?

What Do You Think?

Is there a reason you are here?
What kind of special seed can your life sow into the field of human growth?
How are you going to nourish it?

*Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one
wild and precious life?*
Mary Oliver

*Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to
die even the undertaker will be sorry.*
Mark Twain

SOURCE: [Simple Faith](#), Margaret Silf, pages 19 and 20.



LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you;
Let nothing dismay you;
all things pass:
God never changes.
Patience attains
all it strives for.
Those who have God
find they lack nothing:
God alone suffices.
Teresa of Avila