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OUR PIUS UPDATE
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Despite where brokenness
is still evident in our lives,
the resurrected Christ
unlocks possibility
and new life.



CONTEMPLATING EASTER



It can feel a bit jarring: the forty days of Lent suddenly give way to the joy of Easter. The seeds of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving burst into bloom, and we stand in wonder at the Risen Christ. God triumphs over death. And yet, for so many of us, the sacrifices and challenges of Lent seem to march on, interminable. Easter Sunday feels like one more day, just the same as the last. ***But it's not.*** Our God of surprises beckons us forward, invites us to step into something new. And jarring as it may feel, this seemingly hidden juxtaposition between fasting and flourishing, almsgiving and Alleluia, the Spirit is still at work, still creating something new -- even if we cannot yet see it.

SOURCE - Eric Clayton, *Ignatian Guide to Easter*

FREE INDEED

You did a marvel, Lord Jesus Christ,
and make me feel beside myself in surprise.
My spirit glistens with Your rising.
I smile and smile with You,
I am drowning in the laughter of Your friends.
You have won, Lord, we know You have won!
You have defeated all the worst that we could do,
each alone and all together.
You crushed the power of darkness and of death
to walk peacefully again in our flesh,
now and forever.
Come to me, great Lord of life,
as You come to all your friends.
Send me to console those around me who hurt.
Come, and send Your friends into this daily world
to labour full of hope for the Reign of God.

SOURCE: Joseph Tetlow
- *Choosing Christ In The World: A Guide to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*



**"ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
MARY OF MAGDELA CAME TO THE TOMB
EARLY IN THE MORNING,
WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK."**

John 20:1

Jesus in the tomb is one proof we have that darkness is not the enemy. Our greatest enemy is the unwillingness to believe in dawn, in resurrection. Hope is what keeps the soul alive in bad times; hope gives us strength to go on despite the darkness of the moment.

When we celebrate Easter as the feast of hope, this is what we proclaim:

Hope is the foundation of happiness.
It makes tomorrow a destination rather than simply grounds for the dread of disaster.
Hope is the gift of God to us.
The work it takes to make hope real is the gift we give back to God.
Hope is the instinct in us that something greater than what now is, can become real.
It is as much a call to respond as it is a sign of what is lacking.
Hope is the cutting edge of vision.
It tells us that, indeed, another world is possible but just over the horizon.
Hope is not a free gift. It does not come without a cost.
It requires us to earn it.
Hope never solves anything.
It simply opens a necessary door in the human enterprise and invites us, begs us,
to walk through it-for our sake, of course, but for the sake of the world, as well.
Hope is a quiet, whispered, wonderment saying over and over again in the heart of each of us,
"Possibility, possibility, possibility."

Most of all, hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable. Then, all that's left is the doing of them.

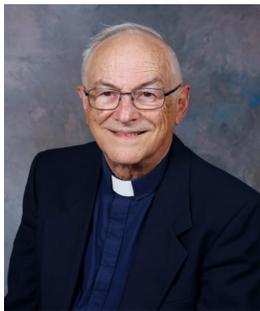
POEM FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Now

Now the chance opens to another way of life
Will we take it?
Will we look it squarely in the eye?
I believe the opening of the chance is very narrow
It shines at the threshold of a closed door which can be opened
It can only be opened by many people together
-G oran Sonnevi

SOURCE: Joan Chittister

Compiled by Mary Lou Kownacki, Hannah Kurtz, and Benetvision Staff



MINISTERING IN A UNIQUE WAY: FR. PETER MONTY, SJ

Jesuit **Fr. Peter Monty** has one of the most fulfilling ministries in the Catholic Church – Ministry to the Deaf.

“I was attracted to the Ministry to the Deaf not because of my dexterity in sign language, but rather, I felt their openness and hunger for communication and knowledge,” says Monty.

His interest in this unique ministry began with a group of other seminarians during his philosophy studies at Mount Saint Michael’s in Spokane, Washington. The group would practice signing to each other and visit shut-in Deaf people in their homes.

“I think the most challenging and at times rewarding is the effort to communicate with multi-disabled Deaf people, such as children and adults who have difficulty with motor and coordination in signing,” says Monty. He adds that Deaf Blind communication can also be difficult where communication with signs is entirely tactile.

When Monty was part of the first group of Jesuits to open Gonzaga High School in St. John’s, NL in 1962, he became involved with the Deaf community there including the religious education program of the newly-opened Provincial School for the Deaf.

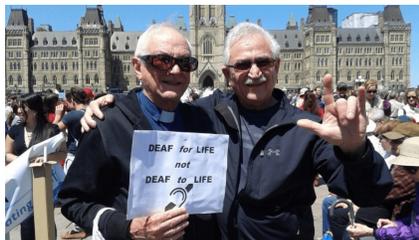
In the early 1970s, Monty began to work as a travelling chaplain on behalf of the Ministering in a unique way: Father Peter Monty Catholic Bishops of Ontario. Back then, he covered most of Ontario, about 45-50,000 kilometres per year. He visited Provincial Schools for the Deaf and a variety of institutions such as hospitals and prisons. Some places like Attawapiskat First Nation in remote northern Ontario had Monty flying in to visit Deaf Indigenous persons.

“Our Jesuit vocation challenges us to reach out to the marginalized in our society,” says Monty.

Even though he retired after 25 years from his work, he has always kept in touch with Deaf communities far and wide.

Born in Tokyo, Japan in 1937, this quiet and gracious son of a Canadian diplomat was used to travelling extensively as a child. While his work with the Jesuits of Canada always included the role of working with the Deaf, he also served as associate pastor, superior, and house consultant, in Jesuit communities from Winnipeg, Montreal, Guelph, to his current home in Ottawa’s Ogilvie Jesuit Residence.

SOURCE: <https://jesuits.ca>



Fr. Monty attends the annual March for Life with members of the Deaf community, Parliament Hill, Ottawa



8-DAY VIRTUAL PRAYER AND RETREAT

April 12th to 19th
With Fr. Bert Foliot, SJ

NEVER THE SAME AGAIN

Through personal prayer and reflection with Jesus, here is a path to help us come out from COVID-19, a little bit better.

You are invited to a time of quiet personal prayer and reflection with Jesus to help you come out of this year better, and to help you make our world a little better. Call it a retreat, a mission, or a walk with God. Just come as you are.

This retreat is virtual. Registrants will receive a link to access the daily videos and supporting content by email ahead of the retreat.

Retreat Outline

- Day 1: Gratitude for God's creating the world and for creating me.
- Day 2: Ask for shame and confusion at your sin.
- Day 3: Deep sorrow for my sins and a heartfelt experience of God's merciful love for me.
- Day 4: A deeply felt knowledge of God's dream for the world
- Day 5: To see Jesus more clearly Part 1
- Day 6: To see Jesus more clearly Part 2
- Day 7: Sorrow with Christ in sorrow
- Day 8: To rejoice with Christ rejoicing

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J. was born in Montreal, entered the Jesuits in 1962 and was ordained a priest in 1973. He was the pastor of numerous parishes – St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg for 15 years, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in downtown Toronto for a total of 10 years, and among the Indigenous people of Manitoulin Island for 7 years. He was the Rector of Regis College in Toronto and Director of the National Jesuit Development Office. For a total of 9 years, he served as the Superior of the Pickering Jesuits and the director of the Jesuit Infirmary. He joined the staff at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario in September 2021.

Registration is by a donation. You can register at:

<https://martyrs-shrine.com/virtual-retreats/>



Now that we are permitted to have 50 persons attend our in-church services, we are resuming recent pre-lockdown Mass schedule -

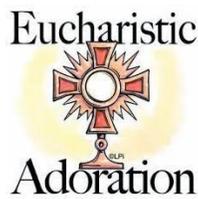
Tuesday	9:30 am
Thursday	9:30 am
Saturday	4:45 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

The Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be live streamed.

We will take **PRE-REGISTRATION** for **weekend Masses**. Please contact the **Parish Office - 754-0170** or email stpiusx@nl.rogers.com on **Thursday or Friday, before 12:00 noon** to pre-register for the **Saturday or Sunday Masses**.

There will be **NO PRE-REGISTRATION** for **weekday Masses**.

There will be the regular screening process as you enter the Church.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Tuesday, April 6**, from **1:00 - 5:00 pm**.

***All COVID-19 protocols will be in place and masks are to be worn at all time while in the Church.
There will be the regular screening process as you enter the Church.***