



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter's.

With the imposition of ashes we have committed ourselves to a journey of preparation to Easter through an increase of the quality of our prayer life and acts of mercy. **Happy journey and Happy Easter to you and your lovely family!**

Since my last newsletter before Christmas, there has been a change of guard at our federal government. You and I should now reflect together on the question: "**What does greatness mean to the United states?** Does this greatness revolve principally around questions of power wealth and success? Or is the greatness we seek founded in the order of justice, freedom, truth and solidarity? In short, is it a material greatness or a greatness of the soul? Pope Francis reminded us, in his address to the Congress, that American greatness lies in the freedom proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln, the justice lived out by Dorothy Day, the poignant dream of racial equality articulated by Martin Luther King Jr, and the spiritual richness of Thomas Merton.

Let us not forget that we have been chosen to be The light of the world and the salt of the earth".

As you know, we are now in the mist of the yearly Diocesan campaign "**Together in Mission.**" If you have not committed yourself through another Parish, please help us to reach our set goal of \$9,000.00. Let us show that our parish is capable of fulfilling the Diocesan expectation of every Parish!

The promised documentary about St. Peter's Italian Church has been released with the title: **Processions of Faith.** It is a beautiful testimony to our Faith and that of our Fathers! Every Italian family should keep a copy of this CD to be treasured by the next generation. The CD may be purchased on line through St. Peter's Website (www.stpeteritalianchurchla.org). It will also be available for sale at the next major events of our parish.

As customary, I include with this letter your special yearly **Easter contribution envelope.** May you be blessed with a home filled with harmony, joy and love!

With all my love.

Fr. Louis Piran