



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As the secularism and cancel culture advance in the West, there is something remarkable happening in the East: Namely, **the growth of CHURCH**. According to numerous reputable agencies, the fastest Church growth in the world is happening in the East: Places like Iran, Afghanistan and Russia. In the former, it's happening in hidden and underground ways, for Christianity is illegal. But in Russia, it's visible in the skyline. In 1991, there were 6,000 Russian Orthodox Churches in Russia. Today, just thirty years later, there are over 38,000! This is FASCINATING, GOOD NEWS!

Even better is the news out of England. This year, three Anglican Bishops, leaders of major Dioceses, have become Catholic. The most recent was two weeks ago, Michael Nazir-Ali, a Pakistani-born Anglican Bishop of Rochester, England crossed over to Catholicism. When asked why, he said that his desire to adhere to the Apostolic, Patristic and Conciliar roots of Christian Faith is now best maintained in the Catholic Church.

I share this with you because it's happening and it's important to know. In a world turned and twisted by so many toxic, dangerous and deadly currents, humanity has need CHURCH: A steady shelter, a rock foundation, a ship that will not capsize in the storms of modern day. God has always provided such a reality. Whether thru Noah, Abraham, the Prophets and most definitively in the person of His Son who established the Church through which all can be saved. We stand in need of Salvation and the Church is that vehicle: missioned, commissioned and promised by God to lead us safely to salvation.

In the coming weeks, we enter the last weeks of our Church Year. Soon, we will be in the month of November, the month of the dead. We will remember our need of salvation and the extraordinary call we have received to be SAINTS. Today, on this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October, we celebrate Mission Sunday. We remember that the Church is MISSION. A Mission impossible for us which has been made possible in Christ: The Mission of Salvation. Let us thank God for this wonderful work and commit anew to it.

I close with the words of another Catholic Convert who is now a Saint in heaven: John Cardinal Newman. May His words be a blessing to you and all of us this week:

*"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.*

*He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.*

*Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."*

Peace, Fr. Rogers

Thanks to everyone who prayed at the Rosary Rally October 16 to commemorate the 104th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima "The Miracle of the Sun" apparition! We joined our prayers together with more than 20,000 other Rosary Rally groups throughout America and utilized the POWER of prayer in asking Our Lady to help bring peace to the world and save souls!

More information on the Rosary Rally and pictures are posted on the "America Needs Fatima" website at:

<https://www.americaneedsfatima.org/America-Needs-Fatima/public-square-rosary-rallies.html> 236

