

July 2020

Dear varTitle varFirstName varLastName,

From the Men of Action of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church: grace to you and peace. As we begin the second half of 2020 we are well into a year of pandemic, persecution, and social unrest. For many of us this has been a time of more isolation, silence and prayer. But as Cardinal Robert Sarah has said; "silence and prayer ... are the strongest weapons against evil. The devil ... sows discord and incites us to pour out our hatred upon each other. But the devil... cannot reach us in the stronghold of silence." Suffering persecutions is a part of being a Christian. "They who are unwilling to suffer persecutions, have not as yet begun to be Christians." ~ St. Augustine

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." ~ Matthew 5:10

Reflecting on this months gospel readings, Jesus repeatedly speaks about the Kingdom of Heaven. This Kingdom is Jesus himself reuniting humanity with heaven. Through the Catholic Church we, the body of Christ are united to the Trinity through the sacraments of God. And Jesus Christ promised that those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist will have eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it. As Mary and the Saints in Heaven intercede for all of us, let us continue to pray and intercede for one another. The world needs us, and more people like you.

"May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his holy ones." ~ 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13

Your Brothers In Christ,

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action

[Please Note: In order to decrease the potential spread of the COVID 19 virus, the MOA are not personally signing your prayer letter this month.]