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FAITH - ADVENT COMMUNIQUE



Welcome all to the wonderful season of Advent.

This season is our opportunity to look back and consider where we are with our Faith. The four pillars (candles) of Advent represent four important aspects of our Faith. The first represents Hope; the second, Joy; the third, Love; and lastly the fourth, Peace. The advent wreath is a wonderful reminder as we light it before our dinner meal. Advent, it is fair to say, is the road to Christ, and to the Holy Family. We need God's grace to travel this road. It is a good time to make a checklist of what we have accomplished with regards to performing acts of faith, such as serving our community, our parish, and to take a deeper look into our soul. We should ask if we have given of our time and energy for the love of God, or for our personal glory. These questions can only be answered individually. During the pandemic we may have felt unappreciated and were asked to do more! Take heart dear ladies, as the Lord never stops watching you and is totally aware of all your hard work. So, we should all take time to thank Him for giving us the strength to serve. Advent provides us with an opportunity to look forward with Hope that his second coming still awaits, and we need to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to recognize Him when he does come.

Today's secular society poses many challenges. Our faith allows us to become engaged and impact Euthanasia (MAiD) and Human Trafficking with prayer and actions. I encourage everyone in their prayer life to invoke divine help to address social justice. The fifth of the ten commandments "Thou Shall Not Kill" and the second great commandment to "love thy neighbour as thyself" speak so strongly to us. We must do something, pick up our pens to write letters to government officials and let our voices be heard. Facilitate and participate in workshops and retreats that educate us and others.

I also encourage everyone to pray with Hope for a better future; Joy for the birth of our Saviour; Love for all our brothers and sisters in this world, and lastly; for Peace in these most turbulent times.

May you and your families all have a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year!

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