



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*We are All Called to Step Up in Our Faith*

*One of the joys of being a priest is hearing the spontaneous comments of children about important events in their lives. Interestingly their beliefs are on a multitude of topics. Each age group seems to have a slightly different viewpoint on everything from A to Z. One such topic is the meaning of FAITH. I have noticed in the last few years the excitement of the children, teachers, and parents in our Faith Formation program. It is in this spirit that the biggest news has sometimes been announced in the simplest language like, "I came, I saw, I conquered." The participation of these young children gives me hope that we are all needed to grow in the faith; the Church and families working together.*



*Today, our beloved St John's is asking us to embrace the new evangelization, one in which all of us Catholics are encouraged to renew our relationship with Jesus and His Church in a deeper and more profound way. We must revitalize our relation with Jesus and His message of mercy and forgiveness. We must live our faith by renewing our spiritual relationship with Jesus. We must experience new ways of worship in Eucharistic celebration, as we pray in the communion of the Saints, in the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. Finally, by knowing our faith, we are ready to share it with others. While missionaries continue to bring the Good News to the world at large, we have opportunities in our own communities, our own parishes, and our own families to*

*let our light shine as Christians, let's try to be doers and not voices of opinions. Let us pray for ourselves and for all who have asked for our prayers.*

*We need each other to grow as a family. We need each other as a faith community. We need each other to grow as Church.*

*Remember that each time we come to Mass, we make the sign of the cross. Do you know that the Cross is God's unconditional love for us? We take up this cross by making it our own, by loving God above all else with our commitment, witness, and care for one another. The Cross is two intersecting pieces. This reminds us that our lives intersect with each other. We are all needed to step up in faith. We are all Catholics and we are called to be partakers in the important work of making Christ known, irrespective of our imperfections. Jesus will be our guide. He will fill us to be able to help spiritually nourish others. We are important and we are all needed in this call to proclaim the Gospel. As Scripture tells us, if we remain faithful to God in all things, God will certainly be faithful to us and bless our efforts.*



*Peace and blessings to all,*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*