



From the Desk of Father Peter

The Holy Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family; a time to think about our own families. What is your family story? Do you know it? Do you know where your ancestors came from? Find out what your family story is and share it with your family. We as a people certainly live in an era where the sacred character of the family has come more and more under attack. So today as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Church implores us to have hope, love, and caring for our own individual families. Looking at what to write, I remembered an article about HOPE that Father James Keller and Father John Catoir wrote a few years ago. I quote:

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.

Hope opens doors where despair closes them.

Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.

Hope 'lights a candle' instead of 'cursing the darkness.'

Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.

Hope cherishes no illusions, nor does it yield to cynicism.

Hope sets big goals and is not frustrated by repeated difficulties or setbacks.

Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.

Hope puts up with modest gains, realizing that 'the longest journey starts with one step.'

Hope accepts misunderstanding as the price for serving the greater good of others.

Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

*During this week, when we are confronted with so much uncertainty, may we keep this ONE TRUTH in mind: **God is with us.***

In the words of Pope John Paul II: "May the Holy Family, icon and model of every human family, help each individual to walk in the spirit of Nazareth. May it help each family unit to grow in understanding of its particular mission in society and the Church by hearing the word of God, by prayer and by a fraternal sharing in life."



*Peace and Love to all,
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*