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## Fr. Matt's Musings

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On July 4th, I returned from a week in Europe. I love to travel and find that travel always opens my mind. It teaches me that my view of life is not always shared by everyone. It gives me an appreciation for diversity, a love of other cultures and languages and an even greater appreciation of how lucky I am to live in the United States. Travel is meant to make our worlds bigger.

The same is true in the spiritual life. Our spiritual journey is meant to make us bigger like our God. Our hearts are meant to grow bigger in love, mercy and compassion in imitation of our God. Our minds are meant to expand as we welcome new ideas and varied viewpoints. In the Brothers Kharamazov, Dostoyevsky writes that once created in the image and likeness of God, humans have never ceased to recreate God in their own. Let us try to avoid being small or petty in our thinking.

I pray that our spiritual journeys are marked by bigness: large, generous and loving hearts and open and hospitable minds that welcome new people and are open to new ideas and ways to look at our world and one another. I hope these summer days bring rest and rejuvenation to you and your families!

Live Jesus!

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