

June 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

In the midst of this pandemic, we as a nation have had to rely on the courage and compassion of our first responders time and again. I am very grateful for the police officers who have helped us through these hard times.

However, I was shocked and horrified at the killing of George Floyd. It was another example of a person in authority abusing the position entrusted to him.

I encourage each of you to read the letter Archbishop Allen Vigneron wrote regarding the death of George Floyd. It is a letter filled with wisdom and compassion.

The Church just celebrated the feast of Pentecost. This recalls the time when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, transforming their lives. The Holy Spirit can help us to have a heart and mind in union with Christ.

St. Teresa of Calcutta said, " I see God in every human being." What a beautiful goal to aspire to: seeing God in every human being! Racism and intolerance are repugnant in God's eyes.

I thank Mr. Courage and Mr. Haley for joining me in sharing these thoughts with our school communities. Both times of great joy and great sorrow serve as teachable moments for our children as well as for ourselves. May this too be an occasion for growth.

I invite to join me in praying for the healing of our wounded nation this evening as we continue with our weekly United in Prayer service that is broadcast through the parish Facebook page. Please tune for the live stream at 7 p.m. as we pray for one another. My prayer is that there will be a journey from intolerance to tolerance, from tolerance to respect, from respect to love.

Wherever we are on our life's journey, we cannot grow closer to God or one another without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth!

God bless you,

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