

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



This place is bordered by Vesey Street to the north, the West Side Highway to the west, Liberty Street to the south, and Church Street to the east.

Do you know where it is?

This day, twenty-one ago, this place became known as Ground Zero. Today it is known the Freedom Tower or One World Trade Center. It is the place where 2606 people died, suddenly. A beautiful Tuesday morning became a scene from hell.

Another 125 innocent people died at the Pentagon, and 246 innocents died on four planes that were hijacked and used as missiles. 2977 innocent people lost their lives that day, and more than 6000 others were injured.

September 11th, 2001 was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity.

Disbelief, shock, anger, fear, uncertainty, questioning, grief, heartache, what we felt and experienced that day cannot be forgotten.

But our remembering is not about us, but about the innocents who perished and their love ones who remain with us.

Our remembering them confirms what is true, and what is of value:

LOVE and LIFE.... ETERNAL LIFE, which can never be can never be vanquished by hatred.

We who believe in God, who have experienced his love, know that evil and death do not have the final say.

Christian hope is based on this truth, and today our prayerful trust draws strength from it.

Light always dispels darkness.

Hope always overcomes despair.

Love always triumphs over evil.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

Fr. Sean