



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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**R**ight when we thought Spring was here.... it's cold again!! But I love this time of year because there is hope in the air for better things to come. It's easier to put up with a cold day in April than a cold day in February. Likewise, it's easier to put up with suffering in our lives, when we are people of spiritual HOPE and JOY. Holiness breeds this type of spirit. When we are close to God...when we allow him to soften our hearts with his mercy, enlighten our reason with his truth, and transform our souls with his love, it's easier for us to live with true joy and peace even when things don't go our way.

I see so much of this holiness and goodness among you. Of course it comes in different forms. We all have different temperaments and personalities. But all of us are called to holiness. If we want more hope and joy, we need to beg the Lord to transform us from within. As we start to see the flowers bloom and the trees take on leaves, let's ask the Lord to make us people of HOPE and JOY. We pray, "Lord, make my heart more like yours".

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