



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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On Wednesday we celebrated the feast of "The Conversion of St. Paul". He is known as the "Apostle of the Gentiles" because he was remarkably effective at spreading the message of Jesus to people near and far. But this great man wasn't born a saint! In fact, as he himself reminds us often in his writings, he was the worst of the worst. He persecuted, imprisoned, and killed Christians, men and women alike. Why did he hate Christians? Because he considered their belief in the Resurrected Christ to be blasphemy. He knew that Jesus had been crucified and was sure that he was dead. Why were these Christians saying that he was still alive? "Blasphemous!", he thought.

But then something happened. Jesus....the crucified one....appeared to him and told him that he was alive, that he was divine, that he was the Son of God. Paul (Saul, at the time) turned his life around 100%. He became a Christian and then dedicated his entire life to making Jesus known.

Like St. Paul, we believe in the Resurrected Christ. But have we changed our lives? Do we tell everyone about Jesus? Do we make sacrifices so that others can come to know Jesus' message of mercy and love? I know for many of you, the answer is "yes". But we can always do better. St. Paul, pray for us!

**God Bless,
Father Jonathan**

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