



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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**A**n ancient greeting among the early Christian community went like this, "The Lord is Risen!", and the response from their fellow Christian was an affirmation of that earth-shattering reality: "He is Risen, Indeed".

Today, nearly two thousand years later, in the Belmont section of the Bronx, we repeat their joyful expression of faith in the Risen Lord. If Jesus has risen from the dead, it means he is greater than even death itself. It means that his promises are true. It means that he is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life". It means that he has taken upon himself our own just punishment, so that we might have life everlasting, if we enter into friendship with Him.

How many people in our neighborhood have heard, understood, and embraced the great news of the Resurrection? How many people in our neighborhood woke up this morning with joy and peace in their hearts, knowing that Jesus offers a solution to every one of our problems? The answer, is NOT ENOUGH.

So what can we do? First of all, we must live what we believe. We are called to be "salt of the earth" and to set our lamps upon a hill so that all might see what God has done for us. Secondly, we must go into the streets and share the Good News. We can do every day, each in our own way. We can also organize as a parish and go door-to-door, two by two. We will do this with our "Mission of Mercy" which will begin in the coming weeks. I do hope many of you will get involved.

**Happy Easter!**

**Father Jonathan**

*P.S. It's that time of year again for us to donate to the "Cardinal's Appeal". The Archdiocese has given us a higher goal of \$37,500. We can do it. I will write to you more about this next week.*

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