

PASTOR'S DESK

*We Look for a Light in the Darkness, Hope in times of
Despair
Mindful that even in a world of war, terrorism, evil, scandal,
sadness and death,
There is Love, Reconciliation, Goodness, Inspiration, Joy
and New Life.
Today we rise up to celebrate Our Risen Lord!!!
Free us from our tombs of doubt, fear and emptiness,
Unlock for us anew God's Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love,
So as a Beacon to our all of God's Children,
Jesus Christ will shine through us
As a Light to all People.*

When I look back over the last twenty years of my priesthood, eight of which I've been blessed to serve you, I am struck how many people have touched my life over the years. This is the first year where the majority of those receiving the Sacrament of First Communion are children I was blessed to have baptized. Our beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation gave me the opportunity to see my 'first' First Communion children here enter into this important moment in their spiritual lives. These children and teens truly reflect the work of the Holy Spirit in our community. I want to thank all of the catechists, ministers, volunteers and parents who have inspired the young people to now inspire us. As I write these words, I am preparing to attend the Ordination and Installation of our new bishop, Edward Scharfenberger, I can't help but reflect that the second to last Confirmation presided by Bishop Howard J. Hubbard before his formal retirement occurred here. We will always share this memory and the legacy of what it truly means to be sharers of the Light.

God bless you all, and may you have a blessed Easter.

Father George