

Dear All:

Easter - 1981

Well, another Easter is here. He is risen! It's a time to celebrate rebirth, even as the very earth testifies through the flowering of spring. So, stop a moment and recharge your own most basic spiritual beliefs. (We strive to grow in every other area, and then neglect this most vital dimension of our eternal - once begun - existence.) You don't need an encyclopedia to do this, or even a catechism. (Over the years I've supplied some good material: A Herton Reader, The Documents Of Vatican II, Philonon's Problems, Here Christianity, etc. So, a reading from any of these should stimulate your theological reflections and consequent spiritual growth.) You need this! Many will make it without the Church, but nobody can make it without God. He even sustains our very existence, you know. Anyhow, all you really need to do is to recite a creed, and then reflect on those items which raise any eyebrow anew. I say "a" creed because you're probably most familiar with the Apostle's Creed, whereas I prefer the Athanasian Creed regularly recited at mass (and readily located in the pew literature in any Catholic Church). I think this especially important for the parents among you. You should reflect sufficiently on each element of the creed that you can explain any questions from your progeny. If no particular element of the creed springs to your attention, then I suggest you reflect on that element (common to both) - "He will come again...to judge the living and the dead." Yes, sports fans, some day (like on Candid Camera - he'll come like a thief in the night - when you least expect it), we're going to be judged!!! He wills the happy ending - our salvation; and, He promises the means - sufficient grace (Ask and it shall be given to you - i.e., we've got to cooperate - HERE & NOW! So, my fellow and beloved pilgrims, read your creed (if you don't remember it by heart), and then reflect on your own inevitable judgement. We've got to maintain our eternal perspective, and - PASS IT ON!!! Peace be to you!

Love and God bless you,

Papa

Hey all you guys. I know I owe lots of you letters, and I'll get to it. I especially wish to thank all who responded to my request re disposition of (virtually non-existent) assets on the patriarchal demise. I thank Mo for the nice "thank you." I commend Mary ~~xx~~ for the BEAUTIFUL recent love letter to Laurie! OUTSTANDING!. We'll save it so she reappreciate it when she gets older. I'd hope that indicates, too, that you now more fully realize how much Mom and I love you and all the progeny. Thanks be to God. Well, that's it for now. Keep the faith!

*I hear Kelly like Here Christianity best - + it is spelled,
but someday you might give Philonon another yr.
LTCB!
Papa*