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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2017

Dear Parish Family:

We hear today from St. Peter:

**“Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you a reason
for your hope.”
(1 Peter, 3, 15)**

My hope, however, is not based simply on doctrine or on an ethical way of life. My hope is rooted in a person whose love for me I continue to discover each day. This person is always willing to listen to me, even when I have allowed my own agenda and desire to cloud our relationship. This person sustains me and empowers me to realize more and more the gifts that dwell within me. My response to this love is to cooperate with the flow of God's will, even when that love leads me into new and unfamiliar places and experiences. Such is the power behind these words of Jesus from today's gospel:

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always...”
(John 14, 15-16)**

Whenever I have been asked to leave my comfort zone, this assurance of God's love and grace have encouraged me and been the reason for my hope!

Blessed Easter,

Rev. William Foley

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