

PASTOR'S COLUMN—OCTOBER 7, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Do you think there is life on other planets? This has been a debate for many years. Are we alone in the Universe? I humbly admit that I don't know. The common thread in the Universe is that God created the heavens and the earth. Pick your galaxy and God created it. As to strange looking creatures from other worlds—I commend that into God's mysterious hands.

What does matter is that we affirm life on our limited planet earth. Jesus brings us abundant life on this earth via forgiveness of sins. The most life-affirming thought/action for us followers of Christ is to share Jesus' forgiveness abundantly with ourselves and our neighbors.

Some people may think we are from another planet if we live forgiveness more faithfully. However, as Jesus' disciples, we are not to be "alien" to God's mercy but rather, ever so familiar with Christ's saving love.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry