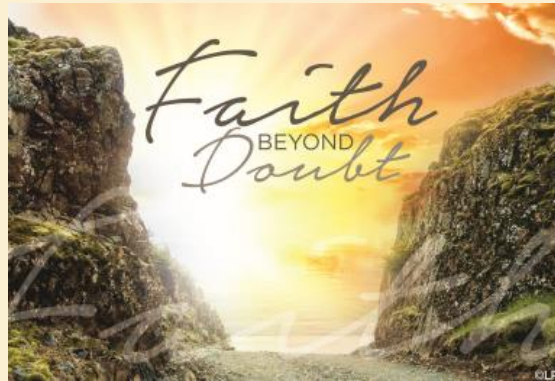




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Something to Ponder the Summer*

*What can we humans say as we wind down our summer vacation? Did we have fun with family and friends? Are we back to work or getting our children back to school? Anxiety and anticipation seem to be natural parts of our lives. One thing that causes anxiety is that we do not know how the events around us will affect us or our families. Some believe it would be easier if we knew everything that was going to happen to us. But the truth is, we sometimes have to place our faith in someone or something, and trust that everything will turn out fine. We are growing in a world of myriad experiences, and we have conflicting approaches to*



*our Christian spirituality and beliefs. In the words of Michael Josephson, "The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorted tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast; we get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too*

little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often. We've learned to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been to the moon and back, but we have trouble crossing the street to met the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've done larger things but not better things. We've learned to rush, but not to wait; we have higher incomes, but lower morals; we have more food, but less appeasement; we build more



Blessings and peace to all,

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computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These things make us ponder about something which is called life." What does it mean to you and the other person beside you in terms of peace, harmony and love? Trust life, and it will teach you, in joy and in sorrow, all you need to know. Jesus encourages us to place our cares and worries in his hands, that we may experience more fully the peace he came to give.