



LET US PRAY. LET US WITNESS.

As the Catholic Church in the United States prepares to celebrate IV Fortnight for Freedom (21 June to 4 July), Her members in Freeport, New York pledge our prayerful support to members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina during their time of grieving. Our faith in Christ unites us, and the freedom to practice that faith impels us to unite in prayer wherever we may be.



For many people, the place to pray is the church. And that is where many people in Freeport will be on Sunday, 21 June at 8:00 P.M., officially beginning this year's Fortnight with our recitation of the Patriotic Rosary. That Rosary will be offered for both the grieving Church in South Carolina, and for the restoration and preservation of Religious Liberty in the United States; a liberty that "our fellow Americans" in the House of Representatives relinquished on 7 November 2009 and "our fellow Americans" in the Senate relinquished on 24 December 2009. Our fellow American in the Executive Branch sealed the fate of Religious Liberty on 23 March 2010.

This year, 21 June also happens to be Father's Day in the United States and the beginning of Our Holy Redeemer's annual nine day Novena for Fathers (living and deceased). Five new fathers – our newly Ordained Priests (Father Alessandro Da Luz, Father Andrew Garnett, Father James Hansen, Father Sean Magaldi, and Father Jeff Yildirmiz) – have been enrolled in that Novena; one of whom I am happy to announce, will be sent *home to Our Holy Redeemer* by Bishop Murphy to assist Father Jose and I in caring for the growing number of people who are *coming home* as well. And who is Our Holy Redeemer's new Priest?



Our Holy Redeemer's new Priest and father is scheduled to arrive home at high noon on Wednesday, 24 June 2015. And since the Church Bulletin Company (the publisher of our absolutely beautiful bulletin) is waiting to go to press with this week's bulletin I can only share with you the name of my new Associate: Reverend Father Alessandro Da Luz. I promise you more will be said from the pulpit and written in upcoming bulletins about this great thing the Almighty has done for us, but for now please join me in union with Mary in *proclaiming the greatness of the Lord and rejoicing in God our Saviour, for He has looked with favour on His Church in Freeport! Holy is His Name!* (cf. Saint Luke I: 46-49) "By our prayer and by our witness" Bishop Murphy recently wrote to his brother Priests, we will "be blessed with new vocations to the priesthood so all the People of God may have priests to offer them Christ's life so that all may be filled with the fullness of God." And certainly in this new Priest and father: we have been blessed! Happy Father's Day!