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Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Stephen is bold in speaking the truth and it gets him killed. The remarkable moment comes when Stephen prays while being stoned, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Stephen prays for mercy upon his executioners. It is truly the spirit of the Risen Lord alive within him!

Only Jesus can satisfy us! The Eucharist is our true sustenance as we heed Jesus' words: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." The formation in our faith and the transformation occurring in us comes from God through the Holy Spirit, present in Word and Sacrament. We, too, can live a courageous life in Christ, bold in living the faith and yet compassionate toward the sinner. We can become *alter Christus*, other Christs for this generation, just as Stephen was for his generation. God's grace is powerful and transformative. May we never doubt but have faith in the power of God.

God Love You!

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