

Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

The great witnesses and founders of the Church in the Imperial City of Rome! Peter and Paul gave their lives for Christ, reaching the great city from whom reigned the leader of the Roman Empire. “All roads lead to Rome” and the two great Apostles arrived there at different moments, evangelizing and encouraging these early Christians with their own witness to Christ. Faith is a gift and the freedom to live out that faith is never a guarantee. As we conclude Religious Freedom Week, we thank God for the freedoms we have in this great nation of ours and we pray that these freedoms may be upheld for generations to come. We pray also for the many people around the world who suffer from tyranny and are persecuted simply because of who they are and what they believe.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Free Speech

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Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

Reflect

One of the promises of our country is that many voices, even voices expressing minority views, have a right to express themselves. Is that promise being fulfilled? Just this year, a book on problems with gender ideology by a prominent commentator was removed from Amazon. A Catholic news outlet had its Twitter account suspended for noting that a government official who claims to be a transgender woman is a biological male. While these companies may have a right to control the materials they help to distribute, it is disturbing that the views of some can be protected from scrutiny, particularly when these views do not promote human flourishing. On the feast day of two of our boldest preachers of the gospel, Sts. Peter and Paul, who faced intense hostility, let us resolve to have the courage to speak the truth with grace. And let us pray that the Lord will give us the prudence to be creative and compassionate in our witness.

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