

THE PASTOR'S DESK

July 25, 2010 - Run For Your Lives! The Aliens Have Landed!



Dear Parishioners,

More and more reports have been coming from all around. The aliens have landed. In fact, it is reported, they have been around for about 2,000 years, but various world governments have tried to keep it all a secret. Yet these strange creatures are now demanding to be heard, and are shouting louder than ever before.

The insidious aspect about these folks are that they look just like you and me. Some are big, some are tall. Some are short, some are small. What makes them even harder to recognize is that they have different skin colors and different accents. I've heard that the aliens in Brooklyn and Alabama are the hardest to understand.

One of the alien pods can be seen right here in town. On the corner of Warfield and Goshen roads, they have set up a spaceship that masquerades as a church. These strangers are clever!

In fact I suspect, no, I know, that you are probably an alien. **For if you are reading this, it means you were at the pod today and picked up this bulletin.** You have been found out. The game is up. Out of respect, I will call you by your preferred names: **Christian, Believer, Followers of Christ.**

Christians are different from other people. First of all they like to congregate with each other at least once a week, sometimes more, to worship their awesome God. Their language is filled with smooth speech, prayerful words, spiritual songs and amens. They love one another. They are gentler than most, and are kind and yet strong in their convictions. They are serious about what they believe in.

Their most important book, which was dictated by God to men who wrote the inspired words on paper, is called the Bible. It is a perfect rule for faith and life. And the Bible helps them understand why they are here on earth. The book says that they are "strangers in a foreign land." And indeed they are.

You see, the book goes on further to say, God has given them hearts of flesh and love, whereas the majority of people have hearts of stone. The strangers know intimately the only God that knows their sorrows and forgives their sins when they go astray.

They know that this loving God has given them a conscience, so that they can know the difference between right and wrong, between good and evil. Most folks have lost their conscience.

One more important thing about these people is that they know that they are here in this foreign land because God

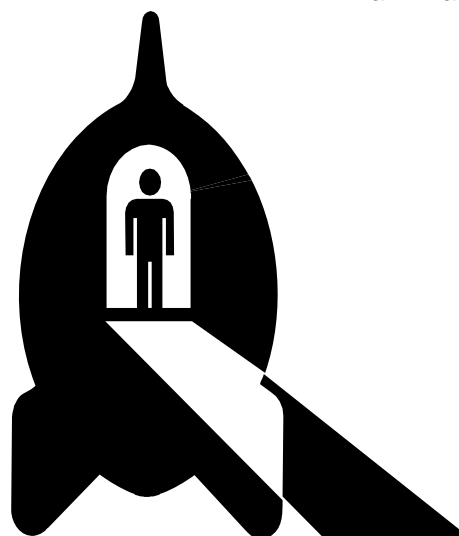
has something for each of them to do. They know that their ultimate aim is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Ultimately they know, because of this, that they are in the world but not of it. They have to be around others, the worldly one, but do not conform to their mores, their cynicism, and their desperate clinging to evil.

So welcome, aliens. We are glad to have you as neighbors. Your pods seem to bring stability to our neighborhoods, your attitudes put the rest of us to shame (if we had shame).

Maybe, someday, we might learn by your example.

Being beamed up,
Fr. William Brailsford



Mark your calendars now ! An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our parish on Thursday, **August 5th**. A Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at **7:30 pm**, followed by recitation of the Rosary, Scripture readings and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. More information is available in the Church Lobby.
All are welcome to join the celebration.