

July 3, 2016
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let the Peace of Christ control your hearts; let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly

Shhh - Listen

Inuit Culture in Alaska

My brother Jesuit, Fr. Tom Gallagher, was here a couple weeks ago. He has worked for over 55 years with the natives in Alaska. He tells a story of how the ancients would have their children go outside starting at a very young age to spend time in silence listening to the wind which would tell them who they are. They grew up that way. He said the results were astounding. These children already had an adult maturity about them; he said you could see it in their eyes. I saw an adult man, when visiting the village of Chevornak on the coast of Alaska, get up one morning, go outside and simply stand there looking at what he saw. He was taking in the morning news. What a beautiful custom - listening to themselves and finding out who they are. And when they did, *“the Peace of Christ took control of their hearts, and the Word of Christ dwelt in them richly.”*

Shhh - Listen

Me and the Jesuits

I have a short autobiographical note, if you will permit. When the idea of becoming Jesuit first exploded in me in high school, I must say I didn't like the idea very much, so I pretended like it didn't happen during my five years of college, which of course didn't work. When I began listening to myself and came to discover who I am, *“the Peace of Christ took control of my heart, and the Word of Christ began to dwell in me richly.”*

Shhh - Listen

Independence Day

Sometimes our country listens very well, and sometimes it doesn't. When we do listen, we discover who we are, *“and the Peace of Christ takes control of our country's heart, and the Word of Christ dwells in her richly.”*

Shhh - Listen

You?

When have you heard the Sound of God, and it revealed to you who you are? It's not a question of did this happen to you, it's a question of when did it happen to you. Would you like to share your story with the rest of us?

----- COMMUNITY SHARING -----

When we listen and discover who we are, *“the Peace of Christ takes control of our hearts, and the Word of Christ dwells in us richly.”*

Do you hear the Sound of God - now?

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