

Pastoral Reflection
14th Sunday Ordinary Time
Independence Day

As we celebrate this Fourth of July I am sure that there I'll be references to the "American Dream". What about "God's Dream?! How broken-hearted God must be as he observes how mutual love and respect is being torn apart in our Country by partisan and greedy ambitions. God dreams that we seek spiritual rather than material progress. God's dream envisions a just world at peace because gratitude has dissolved anxiety and generosity has eclipsed avarice. God dreams of a time when love and mutual respect will bind humanity together, and the profound beauty of creation will be treasured.

God's dream can come to life if we have a future that embraces:

resilience in place of growth
collaboration in place of consumption
wisdom in place of progress
balance in place of addiction
moderation in place of excess
vision in place of convenience
accountability in place of disregard
self-giving in place of self-centered fear
(this list is from R Rohr)

In the midst of all the chaos and rancor can we embrace God's dream as ours. Can we believe in and work for an horizon of hope. God needs us more than ever. May we at St. Cronan humbly help to make God's dream begin to come to life.

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