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Dear Friends,

In my homily last weekend, I preached about the importance of listening for the Voice of the Good Shepherd. Nothing can replace our own personal prayer time for getting better at recognizing His Voice. I encourage you to keep working at the habit of developing a daily habit of spending at least a few minutes a day in prayer—whether that be 5, 10, 20 minutes or more each day.

But, we also have to be aware of the other voices that we listen to. In particular, I'm thinking of our consumption of voices from media: movies, television shows, websites, news channels, music, video games. There are a lot of voices out there that have access to our hearts through our phones, computers, tablets, televisions, etc. Many of these voices, as Jesus said, come "to steal...and destroy," whereas Jesus came "so that [we] might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

So, let's be careful which voices we're listening to. When we consume media, let's ask ourselves: "Do I hear Jesus' Voice in this?" And, if the answer is "no", then let's run away from those voices! Let's run back to Jesus and listen for *His* Voice!

On our parish website, we have a list of some great resources for you located at our "Faith at Home" page. There you will find some great places for hearing Jesus' Voice—some great places that help us grow in faith, hope, and love. Love for our Good Shepherd, for ourselves, and for our fellow sheep! Check these places out at: <https://mqpevents.weebly.com/faith-at-home-resources.html>

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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