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Dear Parish Family,

## “WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN”

What a beautiful and powerful statement of witness made by Peter and the other disciples from the Acts of the Apostles in our first reading on this Third Sunday of Easter! They were ordered by the Jewish Sanhedrin not to preach, not to talk about the Risen Christ. This is the same Jewish Sanhedrin that condemned Jesus to death. Yet, here are Peter and the other apostles, defiant and courageous in the face of arrest and incarceration, saying, "We must obey God rather than men". They were willing to undergo and face the consequences of making the truth of the resurrection known. I believe we can certainly learn from that example and witness to our faith.

In an age and time where political correctness is popular and the norm is to be 'in', meaning being in with the crowd or else just keeping quiet of what others may say with an attitude of, "it does not concern me, why bother?", the more we need this powerful statement to be expressed and lived. Let us remember we live our Christian lives for God, to follow and obey Him. The opinions of others are only good if they help us to become better Christians. I believe this is the challenge of every Christian today. Let us live our lives today in such a way that when we are called by God, it can be said of us, we too have obeyed God and did His will!

In the Risen Christ,

*Fr. Dwight*