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3 “Living Life to the Full”

April 6th , Sunday of Ordinary Time. John 1:11-45

“I am the resurrection and the life, Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live”.

Reflection: It's in our human nature to be afraid of death. Much of what goes on in our society now comes from this fear: war, the security industry, materialism, the search for agelessness. The Good News of Jesus is that he overcame death. He showed us that when we really believe in God, trust in God's love and follow the way of Jesus we are free to let go of our fear of death. If we do this on a daily basis in prayer, we are given the grace to really live a fulfilling life that reaches out to others.

Fact File: Rufus Halley was an Irish Columban priest who worked for reconciliation and justice among Christians and Muslims in Mindanao, southern Philippines. One day in 2001, while riding his motorbike, he was shot dead.

Learn More: Read this moving reflection by his younger brother two years after his death. <http://www.columban.org.au/publications/the-far-east/2009/the-far-east-jun-2009/my-brother-rufie>. Columban, Paul Glynn continues the work of Rufus. He is involved in peace-building activities aimed at peace and understanding at the grass roots. <http://www.columban.org.au/publications/the-far-east/2010/the-far-east-june-2010/overcoming-fear-and-bigotry>

Take Action: After reading the two stories above, discuss what community action for peace you could be involved in.



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