

newsletter from Bishop Geoff Peddle

Moments of Grace

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Welcome Home!

It's just a week into these Moments of Grace and already I realize that the identification of such moments is the easy part; every day has them. The hard part is deciding on which to write about. Yesterday, two "moments" inspired me.

The first happened Monday afternoon at the airport while I was waiting to pick up some guests from away. I noticed a little girl of three or four with her mom waiting patiently for the new arrivals to enter the terminal. Suddenly the object of her anticipation arrived in the person of her dad and she bolted across the hall into his arms. Her laughter lit up the terminal but what was equally moving for me was her dad's smile for her. During those long seconds as she rushed toward him you just knew that she was the most important person in the world to him. In a world where some children never ever feel safe or loved, I was so grateful for what I saw today between a little girl and her dad. Every child deserves a smile like that every day!

The second moment happened Monday evening when I attended the International Thanksgiving Dinner at the Parish of St. Augustine in St. John's. This is the second year that Kathy and I went to help out and I so appreciate the leadership of Archdeacon David Pilling and so many others in making this gathering possible. Two hundred MUN students from all over the world gathered for Canadian Thanksgiving and shared a meal of turkey with all the trimmings. I found myself at a table with students from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Kenya, India, Barbados and Sri Lanka. They were so very grateful for the invitation to share a meal together and in that moment of hospitality there were no boundaries or borders between us. The best test of hospitality really is found at the dinner table.

God's Grace enters our lives most deeply in the simplest of ways.

Blessings,
+Geoff