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Great Feast of St. Peter Claver

Patron Saint of St. Peter Claver Parish, Toledo

This is the day the Lord has made; we rejoice and are glad in it.

The suggestion was given to me, to send you my friends, from time to time, a message. I thought that it was a good idea and so I decided to send you this note. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for all your prayers for my speedy recovery. Those prayers have been felt by me as I see the hand of God, his Holy Spirit, guiding me in all things, in all ways. Remember He said to us in Scripture: "I will send you my Holy Spirit who will teach you and guide you in all things." Let us continue to pray, not only for me, but for the many people close to us who need healing.

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> the feast of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta was my 66<sup>th</sup> birthday, Labor Day here in the United States. I had a full and joy-filled day hearing from families and reading your greetings of love and friendship. Thank you for your love and your caring spirit. Here in St. Louis, despite my protest to having a party, a few seminary classmates of mine had a well-planned birthday party and invited many close friends and our dear Belizean seminarians.

As we Belizeans, approach forty-one years of the Independence of our country, we want to thank Almighty God for our beautiful and beloved country. As beautiful as it has been given to us by our God, we now must let this beauty last in and around us by our working together peacefully every day. **VALIANT AND BOLD, PROUD AND STRONG! BELIZE REBOUNDS @ 41!**

We call ourselves a Christian country. If we truly are, then we ought to let the light of Christ whom we serve shine in our lives, throughout our land, and throughout our common home, EARTH. I urge all our pastors to celebrate in very meaningful ways with their people and their schools the 41<sup>st</sup> Independence of Belize.

**A BLESSED INDEPENDENCE DAY TO YOU BELIZE!**

May you be blessed my friends, now and always!

*+ Lawrence Nicasio*

Bishop of Belize City and Belmopan