In Grateful Appreciation...

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Former President Jimmy Carter called Mattie J.T. Stepanek “the most remarkable person” he has ever known. Oprah Winfrey named him as one of her top three most memorable guests across her 25 years of programming. After he died, a congressional resolution was passed in his honor and a flag was flown over the US Capitol to recognize his many contributions to society. Members of the Catholic Church are gathering information and reflections on his heroic virtues for a possible Cause for Canonization. All this, and more, in honor of a child who passed away just before his 14th birthday, but who left a legacy that continues to grow and inspire people around the world. A legacy of hope and peace, guided by a simple, but clear and achievable message, one that is rooted in personal choices for attitudes and actions.

During his “almost 14 years” of living, Mattie penned seven New York Times best-selling books of Heartsongs poetry and Just Peace essays. He was a frequent guest on shows like Oprah, Good Morning America, and Larry King Live; he served three terms as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and, he earned numerous awards for his writing and advocacy work. Mattie died in June 2004 due to complications of a rare neuromuscular disease.

Although his existence was brief, Mattie lived with depth, and the message of hope and peace he shared through his books and speeches and everyday conversations continues to touch lives around the world. The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation was established in 2005 to continue bringing this message to people of all ages in all parts of the world through educational and recreation peace programs, activities, and materials. In the ten years since his death, Mattie has become the namesake and inspiration for parks, schools, libraries, awards, scholarships, programs, peace projects, a hospice care bill, and more. His final book, "Just Peace," was translated into a curriculum for global teens. Since 2008, 177 Global Teen Leaders have participated in the
annual “Just Peace Summit” and created peace projects that have positively impacted millions of global citizens.

Mattie’s Foundation has planned peace campaigns, events, and activities to commemorate Mattie’s 10-year anniversary (June 22) and his 24th birthday (July 17). They include:

- **Campaign – Mattie J.T. Stepanek Peace Day**
  Mattie’s Foundation is asking President Barack Obama to declare July 17 (Mattie’s birthday) an annual peace day for our nation in Mattie's honor. Initiated by a U.S. Senator, the effort now has the support of a growing number of senators, congressional representatives, mayors, national organizations, and nearly 2,000 global citizens (thus far) who have written support letters or signed the online petition. The goal is to have the day proclaimed during 2014 – Mattie’s tenth anniversary year – but the campaign will continue until secured.

- **Proclamation – Mattie J.T. Stepanek Day in Rockville, MD**
  On July 14, the City of Rockville will proclaim July 17 “Mattie J.T. Stepanek Peace Day” at a local level, both to honor Mattie and to support the campaign for July 17 to be declared a national peace day by the US President.

- **Event — Peace Gathering in Mattie’s Park**
  On Saturday, July 19 from 10:30 am to 12 noon – people of all ages, abilities, and aspirations are invited to join members of Mattie’s Foundation for cake and conversation in the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park & Peace Garden (Rockville, MD). The event will commemorate Mattie’s life, legacy, and 24th birthday. We will also unveil the newly installed Peace Pole, donated by Japanese peace activist Yuka Saionji Maatsura – whose grandfather launched the “May peace prevail on earth” campaign following WWII.

- **Documentary – Mattie’s Life, Legacy, & Peace Day Journey**
  A short documentary on Mattie’s life and legacy and the journey towards a peace day is being created for release during 2014. Video and reflections shared during the anniversary events will be included.

For more information about Mattie, Mattie’s Foundation, the peace day effort, Mattie’s message (and more) please visit:

www.MattieOnline.com
The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

10th Anniversary Memorial Mass
Matthew Joseph Thaddeus Stepanek
July 17, 1990- June 22, 2004

Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Rev. Msgr. John J. Enzler
Principal Celebrant
President and CEO
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
Homilist
Pastor, Holy Comforter –St. Cyprian Church
Washington, DC

Rev. J. Isadore Dixon
Retired Pastor
Holy Rosary Church, Rosaryville, MD.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America
June 22, 2014
Celebration of the Eucharist
In preparation for Mass, please silence all cellular devices and pagers.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
(Breaking Bread, #606)

Opening Remarks:
Rev. Msgr. John J. Enzler

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14B-16A

Dolores Wilson, Director, Bethlehem House
Former Director, Office of Ministry for Persons with Disabilities
Archdiocese of Washington

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Annie Kennedy, Sr. Vice-President, Advocacy
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Sequence for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Tony Bosnick, Former HS Teacher of Jeni Stepanek
Director, Department of Charity and Justice
Archdiocese of Washington

Lo! the angel’s food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
see the children’s bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints,
though lowest,
Where the heav’nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation   (Breaking Bread #931)
I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Gospel Reading   John 6: 51-58

Homily
Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope

Intercessions   Response: Lord, Hear our Prayer

Sandy Newcomb, Mattie’s “Very Favorite Adult Best Friend”
Tommy Stack, Mattie’s Childhood Friend
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts  
City of God (Breaking Bread #379)

Gift Bearers

Gary Bencheghib, 2012 Just Peace Global Teen Leader
MaryMargaret O’Neill, 2014 Just Peace Global Teen Leader
Members of the International Association of Fire Fighters
The Witt Family, St. Raphael’s Parish, Rockville, MD

Offertory Collection

Today’s collection will benefit our hosts today, The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. Donations can be made to Franciscan Monastery. Please be generous.

Communion Rite

Eucharistic Prayer (Breaking Bread #880-883)
The Lord’s Prayer
The Sign of Peace

Communion Hymns
At the Table of the World (Wren/Johengen)
Blest Are They (Breaking Bread #631)
I Am the Bread of Life (Breaking Bread #343)

Post Communion Reflections

Jeni Stepanek, Ph.D., Mattie’s Mother
Author,
Messenger: The Legacy of Mattie J.T. Stepanek and Heartsongs

Raymond Arroyo, Managing Editor, EWTN News
Host of EWTN’s The World Over
President, The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild

Final Blessing and Dismissal  
Fr. J. Isadore Dixon

Closing Hymn: The Prayer of St. Francis (Breaking Bread #531)
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Guests… are invited to greet Jeni Stepanek and Raymond Arroyo after the liturgy in the Monastery’s new Education Hall. Selections of limited edition books of Mattie’s poetry, his book on peacemaking and the Messenger biography will be available following the Mass. Proceeds will benefit Mattie's Guild (Cause for Canonization committee). We regret that Jeni is unable to sign books after the Mass…

Guests… will be invited to take a portion of Mattie’s message of peace and hope with them, and to leave Jeni Stepanek a heartfelt message about Mattie in return. Also, there will be opportunities to share your thoughts on video about Mattie's life, legacy, and heroic virtues -- both for a short documentary, and for consideration by Mattie's Guild.