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*“In the world everything looks so bleak. Therefore those who love God must do all they can to bring about a change.”
(Arnold Janssen, 1901)*



During W.W.II a Nazi war ship torpedoed a U. S. submarine and sunk it. A distress signal was immediately sent out to the sub. When another U. S. vessel got on the scene they spotted debris and oil on the water. They sent divers down to see if there were any survivors. The divers took their knives and tapped on the hull of the ship. They heard taps from the inside in Morris Code. The taps said, “Is there any hope?” In the midst of our racism, violence, upcoming elections, hurricanes, wild fires and Covid 19, I believe that is what the world is asking today: Is there any Hope?

Yes everything looks bleak. Therefore those who love God must do all we can to bring about change, bring about hope. For the Triune God *living in us* makes us respond to God’s love with our love, makes us love our fellow human beings and this bring life and hope. Being a positive influence on the world around you will inspire and motivate others to stay hopeful. We all need to act together in faith, hope and love. Each of us has the capacity to influence each other to stay hopeful and where there is hope, there is life.

Father Arnold transformed the world and passed on hope through retreats, the media, education, service to the poor and prayer. He has given our world today in all its bleakness, thousands of sons and daughters who live by the Light of the Word and the Spirit of Grace. What an explosion of Hope that can bring to our world! Richard M. Gula, SS, writes that Christian discipleship “is a way of discipleship involving a personal relationship with Jesus under the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the community of believers to bring about a world marked by peace and justice.” This surely describes a community of Hope. Let there be Hope in our World and let it begin with us. If we truly embody the change needed in our world, the world will change with you. “May the Holy Triune God live (be alive) in our hearts, and in the hearts of all people.”