

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you hear the silence? This profound silence? This stillness is the peace. If there is silence in your soul, it means there is peace in your life. There are no storms, fights, thunderings ... only silence...and peace.

God created man to be able to learn to live in peace with themselves. But this is not enough. The peace around us should be like our inner peace.

In Transylvania, we experienced many things that had no touch of peace in the 20th century and sometimes we still do. Can you imagine that there are people in Transylvania who in the last 90 years have been Hungarian citizens three times and twice Romanian... and during these years they haven't even left the village they live in?

About 10 years ago, Hungary made a decision: each Hungarian counts! And by doing so, they have made citizenship easier to those Hungarians who live outside of Hungary! In our village, more than 100 of us together have become Hungarian citizens once again. We now have dual citizenship.

And this has brought peace into our hearts. Because now we belong somewhere. Although physical borders separate us, we are strongly attached to Hungary, in spirit.

Just as we feel attached to you now as well! Because there is only one thing that can erase all these beautiful things from one's heart: the eternal peace, the passing. But if we are lucky, we still have a lot of time till then.

It's not easy to be a minister in Transylvania or anywhere else either. We are community leaders at the same time, and this comes with great responsibility.

But it is also a blessing: because you know that you live and you work to make other people's lives better, and more meaningful. And this brings stillness into your heart. The silence that you can hear right now.

This silence is peace itself...

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