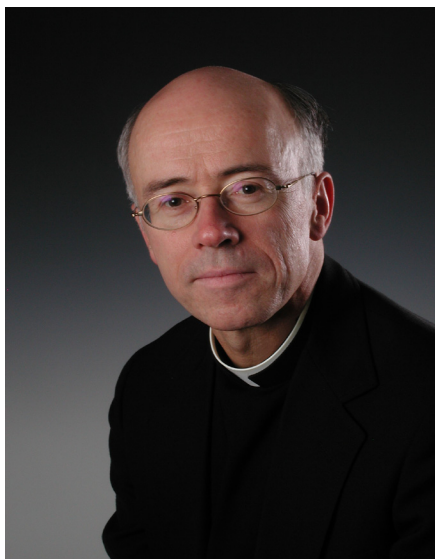


# Hope: A Vital Christian Virtue for Our Time

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Hope is an invisible reality with profound tangible effects on our daily lives. God has a larger plan in mind that we Christians often overlook as we wrestle with our day-to-day responsibilities. This greater vision of the meaning of life in Christ will give us perspective on our successes and failures. Using texts from Saint Paul and the Old Testament prophets, we can better understand how our ancestors in faith understood God's actions in history. This understanding will help us to embrace the promises made to these ancestors that still guide us today. We will also explore ways that this theological virtue – hope – might become a greater force in our lives.

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