



FROM PADRE'S PEN

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Comrades, Remembrance Day 2008 will soon be here. Pause for a moment and share my thoughts.

The pain that has fallen upon the hearts of so many during this past year and throughout the past decades, and is still falling as wars continue to rage, that pain is very real and is palpable. The pain of past and present wars and acts of terrorism is suffered by entire nations. Nations that believe in and practice justice cannot forget crimes perpetrated against the souls of those nations and their citizens.

As we have gathered together on bridges over the Highway of Heroes we have shared in that pain.

*So, as we prepare for Remembrance Day let us recall Christ offering Himself to the Father to save us; let us with Him, endeavour to transform the terrible stench of death and heartbreak into an eternal **flame**, a funeral pyre for peace. Let us pledge ourselves anew with the Saints and Martyrs to pay the price of peace.*

Let us seek to learn how that is done. Let the stench of death be transformed into an aroma of peace, so pleasing to God the Father, God the Son, to Our Lady, to all the Saints, and to all the boys and girls who have passed beneath our feet on the Highway of Heroes.

I have offered these thoughts in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as your friend and Priest,

Fr John

