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## Pastor's Column

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### Why I Remain a Catholic

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The question has come my way several times in the past week: "How do you maintain your faith in light of news stories that bring light to the dark places that exist within your church?"

When have darkness and light been anything but co-existent? How do we recognize either without the other?

I remain within, and love, the Catholic Church because it is a church that has lived and wrestled within the mystery of the shadow lands ever since an innocent man was arrested, sentenced,

and crucified, while the keeper of "the keys" denied him, and his first priests ran away. Through 2,000 imperfect, sometimes glorious, sometimes heinous years, the church has contemplated and manifested the truth that dark and light, innocence and guilt, justice and injustice all share a kinship, one that waves back and forth like wind-stirred wheat in a field, churning toward something—as yet—unknowable.

*For the rest of the article, click the link below:*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125493179>

*Fr. Mike*