



Father Patrick proclaimed, “Tonight I bring you the voice of the voiceless our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ (around the globe) that you should hear their cries”. It was the one year anniversary of the tragic bombing of All Saints church in Peshawar, Pakistan, an attack which killed 128 and wounded nearly 180 more. In Peshawar the anniversary was celebrated by seven bishops, numerous clergy and more than 4,000 people attending services at the devastated All Saints Church. Bishop Humphrey said the area was cordoned for

safety and throughout the day more than 9,000 people visited to pay their respects and pray.

A half a world away 65 Christians in the Coulee region rallied as well. The event created an ongoing relationship between Christ Church, the oldest parish in La Crosse, and First Free Evangelical the youngest and largest congregation in the region. The goal is to put a face on the support, prayer and love for our brethren in a church seven seas away. The Augustine family including: Father Peter, Lily, Avais, Patrick, Myra and children came together to share the culture, history and plight of the Christians who are being persecuted for their faith in Pakistan and elsewhere in the Middle East and Asia. They sang songs in Urdu and Punjabi, cooked and shared Pakistani food while meeting and getting to know members of First Free.

First Free Church dedicated 5 offerings throughout the weekend to help provide medicine for those healing from wounds, rebuild Sunday school rooms and provide school fees and books to the children orphaned by the bombing. Eventually a memorial will also be created to commemorate those who were martyred that day.

“We want to form a relationship which allows us to collaborate together” says Father Patrick. We want our American Sunday schools, women’s groups, and other ministries to share our stories of Christian faith with those in Pakistan and beyond. We want to put a face on humanity and come together in prayer.