

St. Malachy Church

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To Whom It May Concern

Paul Koleske recently presented a concert in our church here in Tehachapi. He had a very powerful impact on the audience. The reason was that in his reflections and in his music he is able to find that essential simple faith that helps to bring us back to the basics of our beliefs.

His experiences are simple reminders of how God works in the ordinary dimensions of our lives and his music is conducive to healing meditation. Young and old found something in common in his presentation. I think it was the call to renew the simplicity of our faith and find joy in the closeness of God.

Remembering my days back as a pastor in Fall River, I thought about many of you and your parishes and felt that he would be ideal to touch the New England spirit of faith. He will be returning here for a three day retreat in the heart of Lent this coming year.

I am happy to recommend him to you and wish I had known of his ministry when I was a pastor. The effect comes from the Spirit within him and the songs come alive because of his life's experiences which he shares gently with the listeners.

The product of his concert and retreat is simply a calming of the spirit, a cleansing of inner struggle and a sense of peace.

May God continue to bless his ministry and those communities who are ministered by his gift.

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