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## Danny Murphy – Funeral Homily – August 17, 2019

See if you agree with this observation: It has been said that we want to know these three things concerning people that we love: One, we want to know where they are. Two, we want to know with whom we are. And, three we want to know if they are ok. The observation – that those three questions are what people want to know about those whom we love. Well, let's direct those three questions to you concerning Trevor. Where is Trevor? Trevor is in heaven. Heaven is a place where there are no more brain tumors. Heaven is a place that the scriptures describe as only joy and peace forever and ever. Heaven is a place that the mystics describe as Endless Ecstasy. That's where Trevor is. Trevor is in heaven. With whom is Trevor? Trevor is with Jesus, Mary, all the saints. Trevor is with his dad, and with all his deceased relatives and friends. Pretty good company, don't you think? Is Trevor ok? You betcha! He's doing much, much better than any of us. And all of us will be with Trevor again. And this time – forever! It's okay to mourn, to grieve. The reason you mourn, grieve is because you love. So the tears shed are sacred, holy tears. Jesus tells us that the best thing you can do in life is to love. And you loved Trevor. He also tells us, Our Lord does, "Blessed are they who mourn." Mary is called the "Mother of Sorrows." Biblical experts estimate that Jesus, Mary's son, died when he was about thirty three years old, even younger than Trevor. So, it's okay to acknowledge if your heart's broken and then you talk it over with Jesus, with Mary.