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Loving Father, For Those to Whom We Minister



Loving Father,
as we come as servant and neighbor
to support men and women of goodwill
in their efforts to form communities of the
coming kingdom,
clasp us more firmly to yourself
and use our hands and minds
to do the work only you can do.
Bless all those you have entrusted to
our ministry.
Help them to recognize and discover
their own gifts,
and to place them at the service of
your kingdom.
Help them to discover the deepest
longing in their lives
and to know you alone as their
fulfillment.
Help them to experience at each and every
moment
the depth of your love in the gift of your Son and Spirit,
so that they may have life and have it abundantly! Amen.

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Lies

On Sabbath Eve they made the walk
to Pilate's judgement space,
a wounded rabbi in their grasp,
their anger firm in place.

"We brought him here, most honored one.
He swore a dreadful thing.
In Caesar's name he must be killed.
We have no other king."

The Roman scoffed—"a double lie
from church prevaricators—
but, he sent the innocent to die
and vindicated haters."

"O God, if only thou wouldst slay the wicked!"
(Psalm 139, Verse 19)

—**Frank Gray**
Holy Cross Village

National Eucharistic Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress – July 17, 2024- July 21, 2024 was held in Indianapolis, IN- Lucas Oil Stadium, Indiana Convention Center. The number of attendees swelled to close to 60,000.

“From the Four Corners” was the build up theme as groups from Pennsylvania, Florida, California, state of Washington, all met in Indianapolis for the opening on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Daily liturgies were in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and also each day a special liturgy for the youth who were present in abundance. There were Masses in the Byzantine rite.

Among many notable speakers were Sr. Josephine Garrett, Ms. Gloria Purvis, and Bishop Robert Barron.

In the exhibit hall Holy Cross College, Moreau Seminary, and Congregation of the Holy Cross were represented.

Two highlights were the service opportunity by which The Eucharistic Congress partnered with Million Meal Movement to pack 360,000 meals, becoming the hands and feet of Christ for those in need.

The other highlight for me was the Eucharistic Procession through downtown Indianapolis. Benediction took place at the American Legion Mall.

Bro. Roy Smith, CSC

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Presence

“My peace I give you.” Jesus gives us these words. Does it mean that we should go to a secluded place away from our present reality to find this peace? How can the peace that Jesus wants to give us be with us in our everyday experiences which are filled with unpredictable circumstances and bogged down with commitments that need our attention?

Maybe we need to develop a contemplative mind which enables us to have access to an inner resource than goes deeper than our surface realities. While a storm could be forming on the sea’s surface, deep within the ocean is calm. The peace that Jesus wants to give to us comes with our growing relationship that assures us that his presence will be with us come what may. Such a presence needs to be nurtured in prayer. In contemplative prayer we are able to experience the love that Jesus wants to place in our hearts. In that presence we are able to face our day not only in survival mode but with courage, love and joy. Our outer reality will become contagious when others say, “I want what he or she is having.”

- How would you describe your daily prayer?
- Are you able to draw on your relationship with God throughout your day?
- What are some ways you have experienced God’s presence in your life?

O God, help me get in touch with your presence each day in my life.

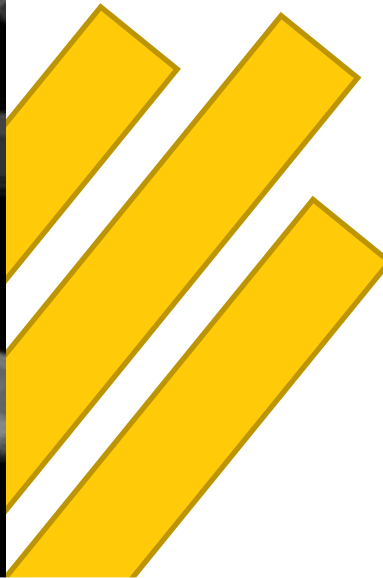
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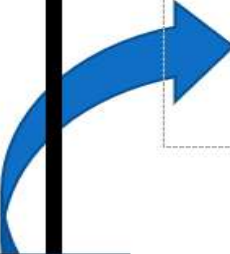
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