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“May God bring hope - and peace - to the Haitian people through the cross they are living today! May our sisters and brothers in Holy Cross be strengthened and blessed abundantly as they face these difficult times!”

Mike DeLaney, CSC



Haiti

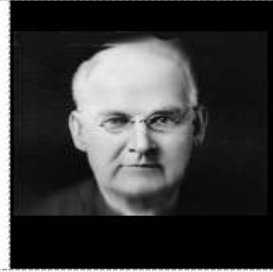
Lamentation

Kneeling on the hard wood
Saturday afternoons, I waited,
rehearsing to tell my weekly sins.
There, more by guts than guilt,
I lusted for a different list
than the one I litanied
to the old man in the dark.
I wanted sins to match the furies
of the hell he preached on Sundays.
I wanted the sins I now commit
but do not confess. Today,
I stand in front of the self-help section
of Walden's to choose my own confessor
and lament the loss of sin.



—**Brother Frank Rotsaert, CSC**

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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Bring it to the World

We have been blessed. God has given us so much. Even in the many things that concern us not being the way that we would like them to be, what God has given us far outweighs what we are lacking. A thankful heart is a happy heart.

Thankfulness comes when we become aware that what God has blessed us with revolves around circumstances over which we have had little or no control: the country that we live in, the family that helped raise us, the people that God has brought into to our lives and the many circumstances, the most important being the gift of life itself.

What could be our response besides being very grateful? God wants us to “play it forward,” bringing it to the world.

Father Dan Schutte tells a story of a teacher who at the end of the course ask, each student to come up before the class as she would speak of the ways this student had made a difference in her life. She then gave each student three ribbons saying that he or she had been blessed and asked them to pass it forward to three others. One student gave a ribbon to a friend and asked him to pass the other two ribbons to others. This friend presented a ribbon to his demanding boss who then thought he should give a ribbon to his son whom he had been neglecting. When his son received the ribbon, he could not stop crying. That night he was planning to commit suicide, feeling that nobody cared whether he lived or died.

- Who are the people in your life for whom you are grateful?
- How could you show your thanks?
- Could you ask them to pass it forward?

O God, help me find ways to express my gratefulness.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Foes or Friends?

Upon returning to Jerusalem for what would prove for His last time, Jesus encountered the Pharisees who said to Him: "Get away from here! Herod wants to kill you!" (Luke 23;31) Realizing that their warning was just a new scheme to get rid of Him by urging Him to leave the city – not a change of heart nor attitude – Jesus responded; "Go tell that fox: Look, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow and on the third day I'll be finished." (Luke 23;32).

Previously, fear of a crowd's reaction (Matt. 21:46) thwarted the Pharisees' plot to arrest and kill Jesus. Miscalculation – their not knowing that Herod's primary interest in Jesus was meeting Him for the sole purpose of being entertained by Jesus demonstrating some of His 'miracles.' (Luke 23) spoiled this ploy too.

The adversaries of Jesus, as we well know, eventually had their way with Jesus. However their attempt to mask it, their collaboration in His arrest, conviction, and execution, has been well documented.



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