MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be.

(Wayne Dyer)

Revelation 4:1-11

In this excerpt, we have John's vision of the court of heaven where he sees God seated on his throne as he rules the universe. He gives us a very vivid, mysterious and awe-inspiring descriptions of heaven. His vision ends with a doxology of gratitude and praise to God, Father, and creator.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord in his sanctuary
Praise him in the firmament of his strength.
Praise him for his mighty deeds,
Praise him for his sovereign majesty.

Luke 19:11-28

Jesus told them the parable of a noble man who gave ten of his servants sums of ten units for investment. The noble man trusted his servants with his wealth.

Reflect on God's trust! We are trusted with life, family, children, our vocation.....

Trust calls for loyalty, Fidelity. Trust calls for "TRUST" in return.

Reflect on what it means to be trusted.

The reward for faithfulness to trust is "more trust". Faithfulness to responsibilities and duties bring more responsibilities.

Reflect: Faithfulness is its own reward!

To him, who has, more will be given.

Reflect: There is no such thing as standing still in Christian life. We either grow in virtue or we become weak…we become more committed or get side-tracked……..

Saint of the Day, November 18 - Dedication of the basilicas of Saints Peter

and Paul and 18 other saints are remembered this day.

St. Peter's is probably the most famous basilica in the church which began simple but grew into a massive structure. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where the early Christians gathered at St. Peter's tomb to pray. In 319 Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries. St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abaazia delle Tre Fontane, where St. Paul is believed to have been beheaded. This was the largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns. Pope Pius IX joined in one celebration the dedication of these two basilicas in 1854.

We also remember Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, on this day

Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France on August 29, 1769 into a family that was among the new rich, Rose learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. She entered the Visitation of Mary convent at 19, and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

When the situation cooled, Rose personally rented the former convent and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, however, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the infant Society of the Sacred Heart, whose young superior, Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat, would be her lifelong friend.

In a short time, Rose was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, her ambition was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work. With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called "the remotest village in the US", St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

Finally, at age 72, retired and in poor health, Rose got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi and she was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her "Woman-Who-Prays-

Always.” While others taught, she prayed. Legend has it that Native American children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit, and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. Rose Philippine died on November 18, 1852 at the age of 83 in St. Charles, Missouri and was canonized in 1988.

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