MORNING MEDITATION

Friday, Thirty Second Week in Ordinary Time

The final wisdom of life requires not the annulment of incongruity but the achievement of serenity within and above it.
(Reinhold Niebuhr)

2 John 4-9

In this excerpt, we read about John expressing his joy in finding his community faithfully walking the path of truth. He taught them about how important it was to live in truth. It meant to "love one another". Then he says, "This love involves our walking according to the commandments". He taught his community to be faithful and be rooted in the teaching of Christ and not follow the ways of "deceitful men".

Psalm 119

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the way of the Lord,
Blessed are they, who observe his decrees,
Who seek him with all their heart.

Luke 17:26-37

Jesus responded to the question of the Pharisees about when the Kingdom would come. He said to them that God takes his own time breaking into history. But He does come in His time! Jesus warned them…….. God will break in when necessary conditions are fulfilled (where the carcass is, there will the vultures gather).

Beware of idle speculations! Speculations and gossips will be there. We must not leave our daily responsibilities, our ordinary work to follow the speculations. We must learn to light a candle of patience and wait! Christ comes when we are faithfully and humbly and watchfully at our work, doing our duty, minding our business. No one will foresee His coming..... So be faithful to your commitments.

Saint of the Day, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and 17 other saints are remembered this day.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, known as Mother Cabrinbi was born in Lombardi, Italy on July 15, 1850. The religious order that educated her refused to accept her into their convent. She wanted be a missionary and go to China. At the urging of Pope Leo XIII, she came to

USA to work among the Italian immigrants, going west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York City, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

She said, "The whole world is not enough for me" and she traveled from New Jersey to Seattle, from Chicago to New Orleans and to many parts of the world crossing the Ocean 30 times. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880 and founded schools, hospitals and orphanages in USA for the care of Italian immigrants and children. By the time she died there were 67 schools, orphanages and hospitals in different parts of the world. Her compassion and generosity went beyond the boundaries, limits and roadblocks that she encountered. She died on December 22, 1917 at, Columbus Hospital, Chicago, IL. She was canonized on July 7, 1946, by Pope Pius XII, becoming the first United States citizen to be canonized.

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