

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 26 2022

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It becomes apparent in the first reading and the Gospel reading that once we have made the decision to follow God, there is no room for turning back. In the language of St. Paul, nothing else matters or of any significance once we have encountered Jesus personally in our life journey.

Jesus made it clear to his would-be followers that his own way of life was one of austerity and as a matter of fact had no house of his own. It takes courage and trust in Divine Providence to take that leap of faith which plunges one into the abyss of uncertainty and what lies ahead. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) would put it: “ God takes care of the needs of our Religious Order and I do not worry about how we would fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the Lord Jesus, because I know God provides everyday what is essential for us” was the answer she gave me in Rome some 40 plus years ago when I asked her how her Religious Order gets the resources it needs to provide the wonderful services to the poorest of the poor in the world.

In Cost Accounting we learn that every step we take must be well scrutinized and costed so that we do not fall into debt or financial trouble.

In choosing to follow and serve God all the days of our lives, we risk everything and entrust all into the hands of God, confident that He is in charge of our lives and knows what is best for us. It may sound foolhardy, but for the believer, nothing is impossible with God. If He commands us to let go what we are holding on to, there can be no doubt that He has better safety measures in place for us.

Nobody is discouraged from planning for a bright and secure future or advised to go all out to cancel the financial measures put in place for a reasonable and comfortable life in one's old age when hard work may no longer be practicable, but in all things God should be given prominence and relied upon . The seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks and years we may enjoy on this Earth are all gifts from God and we have no power over when our life will be ended. We give Him thanks for being alive today and leave tomorrow in His hands, hoping for the best.

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