

E-VOC

evoke: 1. to call forth 2. to re-create imaginatively



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

May 1, 2017

Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker

May 9, 2017

Feast Day of St. Louise de Marillac

May 31, 2017

Feast of the Visitation

Aug. 2-5, 2017

Catholics on Call, Chicago, Illinois

<http://www.catholicsoncall.org/young-adult-conferences>



Filming on the pilot for the television series "At the End of the Santa Fe Trail" – based on the life of Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Blandina Segale – began in March in Colorado.

Throwing Your Life Away

By S. Janet Gildea

When it comes to making the big decisions of life, one of the biggest wet blankets that well-intentioned family and friends can heave at you is the possibility that you are throwing your life away. In their efforts to save you from a partner who doesn't meet standards, a job that offers little opportunity for upward advancement, or a life built on vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience, the voices of those whose opinions matter can really turn up the volume of your own doubts. Am I being irresponsible in this decision? Are there important issues hidden in the fine print that I have not considered? Am I throwing my life away?



The task of young adulthood is to "find" your life, defining yourself in terms of career and relational commitments. It is a time to build skills and establish credentials as well as to build relationships and establish a home. Without discounting the significance of the voices that challenge your discernment, you might find it helpful to rephrase the question in the language of discipleship. The last half of Lent and the week when we remember the passion and death of Jesus are an especially appropriate time to consider how you are being invited to give your life away as a follower of Christ. Jesus says, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

What is worth the gift of your life? Does your decision prompt you to consider such a commitment? Only you can decide whether you are throwing your life away or losing your life in service of the reign of God. One exercise suggested by St. Ignatius is to imagine yourself on your deathbed and ask yourself, "How would I feel about having chosen or not having chosen this path?" How would you feel, at the end of your life, about the decision to give your life away?

Jesus said, "This is why the Father loves me: because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Jesus received reviews on these words. Some said he was crazy and others that he was possessed by a demon (Jn. 10: 17-20). And some people probably said he was just throwing his life away.

Future of Charity Blog

“Living Water”



S. Tracy Kemme discusses Lent and its call to believe that Jesus is our source, our spring welling up inside us. To read more visit the Sisters of Charity Federation Future of Charity Blog at <http://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/2017/03/living-water.html>.

Sister to All



For the last 25 years S. Patricia Wittberg has enjoyed doing research on the Catholic Church and religious orders as a way to help religious orders make decisions that will enable them to survive and thrive. Currently S. Pat is a research associate for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate affiliated with Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and she also volunteers two days a week at Education Matters, devoting her time to the English as a Second Language program. Learn more at <https://vimeo.com/210473888>.



An Unsung Hero: Sister Rose Martin Morand, a.k.a. “Martie”

Many people were surprised when at age 18, and with a scholarship for college in 1954, Martie Morand announced that she was going to enter the Sisters of Charity. What a shame to miss the opportunity for a college education! When S. Rose Martin was identified as one of Dayton, Ohio’s Unsung Heroes in 2014 she served as an example of how God cannot be outdone in generosity.

Sister Rose Martin Morand went home to God on March 18, 2017. After more than 60 years a Sister, with three master’s degrees and a diverse range of ministries from elementary school teacher to leader of peacemaking circles for incarcerated women, Martie Morand’s story shows the fascinating ways that God used her “YES!” in service to others.

<http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/spur-the-moment-decision-led-years-service/Xv18dsxzFyD2gQmq7WfprOI>

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