



# MISSION MATTERS

## monthly



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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

To the Graduates:

"Take pride in how far you have come, and have faith in how far you will go."

"Go into the world and do well, but most importantly go into the world and do good."

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### CATHOLIC Q&A

What if I disagree with Church teaching?

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### INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 05/01 - Beltane-Samhain - Neo-Pagan
- 05/02 - Last day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 05/02 - Pascha (Easter) - Orthodox Christians
- 05/03 - Saints Philip & James - Christian
- 05/04 - National Day of Prayer USA - Interfaith
- 05/08 - Layat al Kadr - Islam
- 05/14-16 - Eid al Fitr (Ramadan ends) - Islam
- 05/18 - Tish'a B'av - Jewish
- 05/23 - Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
- 05/23 - Pentecost - Christian
- 05/29 - Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
- 05/30 - Trinity Sunday - Christianity



### HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!



Stained Glass window by Sister M. Ann Therese Kelly

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER FOR MISSIONS MATTERS MONTHLY WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

### MAKE YOUR WORK AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Your primary vocation, like that of every other human, is to be, not to do. Your life's aim is holiness, not efficiency. God and godliness, not production, is your goal, for you have an immortal soul; you are not a machine. Every work and every profession, even the highest, is but a means for people to express their inner wholeness and to acquire more holiness; none of them is ever to become any person's idol or total absorption.

You are now grappling with truths that have been horribly distorted in your day. Twist them back into shape so that you will be able to live twenty-four hours a day as a human, a child of God, and not spend a great part of your life on earth as a robot that keeps going through the motions so that it can make a living, but which is really only waiting for the whistle that will allow it to go out and play.

Work is part of God's plan for humans. But God is your Father, and God is all-good. Therefore, the work potentials He gave you must be for your happiness. If work is God's will, it must be sanctifying; for, in the ultimate analysis, sanctity is only doing the will of God. Therefore, work is a sacred thing; it is a "sacramental" — an outward sign that can give grace. Hence, you can go to work for the same reason you go to church to worship God! Work is a religious thing. It is holy. That view, of course, is the antithesis of the way many modern people conceive work.

Have you ever realized that, in making you a worker, God has given you a share in that universal Providence by which He governs the human race and in His act of conservation by which He keeps the world in being? So, in all truth, every human who helps in the process is actually working hand in hand with God!

Click [here](#) to read the full article by Father M. Raymond O.C.S.O.

## OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for Human Dignity



Transformation



**JUSTICE and PEACE**



Compassion



Solidarity with the Poor

2020-2021 Focus

## JUSTICE & PEACE REFLECTION

### 7 Young Activists Working at the Intersection of Environmental and Racial Justice!

Environmental threats and its disproportionate impact on Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) are known as environmental racism. When we talk about environmental justice, it's important to acknowledge that communities of color have historically been left out of the conversation, even though they are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis. Research has shown that people of color breathe in more polluted air, suffer from more environmentally related medical conditions, are in the line of more natural disasters, and are displaced at much higher rates than other groups. Therefore, it is critical that the climate movement be part of the Black Lives Matter movement.

In this intense moment in the fight against racial justice and the COVID-19 crisis, we can't separate the fight for racial equity from the fight against climate change, and we must look at environmental justice as an anti-racist act. Leah Thomas, an inter-sectional environmental activist, and eco-communicator, defines inter-sectional environmentalism as "an inclusive version of environmentalism that advocates for both the protection of people and the planet." Find out more about Leah and six other young activists whose work prioritizes an inter-sectional lens and links environmental and racial justice.

Click [here](#) to read the full article by Addison Dlott.



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASSES OF 2020 & 2021

### Commencement - May 22, 2021

There is no passion to be found in playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living. —*Nelson Mandela*

We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better. —*JK Rowling*

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Fortune does favor the bold, and I promise that you will never know what you're capable of unless you try. —*Sheryl Sandberg*

A person's greatness consists in their ability to do, and the proper application of their powers to things needed to be done. —*Frederick Douglass*

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. —*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets. —*Leonardo da Vinci*

Sometimes you find out what you are supposed to be doing by doing the things you are not supposed to do. —*Oprah Winfrey*

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. —*A.A. Milne*

Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world right in the eye. —*Helen Keller*

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. —*Albert Schweitzer*



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