

MISSION MATTERS

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Student Edition

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You do not go to college so you can punch a clock. You go to college so you can be in a position to make a difference"

Janet Napolitano



Why come back to the Church?

click here for the answer

INTERFAITH CALENDAR Click here for more information

05/01: Beltrane - Neo-Pagan

05/02: Twelfth Day of Rivan - Baha'i

05/02: Ramadan ends - Islam

05/03: Saints Philip & James - Christian

05/03: Eid al Fitr - Islam

05/04: National Day of Prayer - Interfaith

05/05: Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Judaism

05/19: Lag B'Omer - Judaism

05/24: Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i

05/26: Ascension of Jesus - Christian

05/27: Visakha Puja/Buddha Day - Buddhism

05/29: Ascension of Baha'u'llah: Baha'i



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER: GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS ON YOUR FINAL **EXAMS. PAPERS & PROJECTS**



THIS WILL BE THE LAST **EDITION OF MISSION** MATTERS MONTHLY FOR THE **SEMESTER - WILL RETURN ON** SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

HOW CAN BUSYNESS BECOME AN IDOL?

Busy is the state most of us find ourselves in most often. Women in days past washed clothes by hand and yet still had time to crochet lace tablecloths or sew beautiful quilts, not just practical things but works of art to brighten their homes. Nowadays, no one has the time to make lace. Yet we have machines to do half our chores, and we get our food from shiny stores rather than laboring to coax it from the earth.

Perhaps, being busy is more manageable than relationships. Perhaps, distracted social media pursuits are less complicated than real life. Perhaps, the hustle and bustle stroke our fragile egos more than we realize. Maybe, we've placed busy on a throne in our hearts without realizing it. When you feel like busyness has overtaken your life, it would be best to set aside to rest. You may need to find tangible, practical ways to pursue rest in Christ. You have to create a set of steps to follow that clean slate of forgiveness.

To deny our need for rest is to deny who we are and how we've been made. And yet so often, that is precisely what we do when we inundate our lives with busy activities. Embracing our need for rest, accepting our inability to accomplish that which rescues our souls, and obeying the command to rest every week is a place of humility.

Our Lord leads us this way. With rest, with gentleness, with humility. If we are taught in any other spirit than this, it isn't the Lord leading us. And we've followed an idol. May the Lord give you the wisdom to see the soul spaces where busyness has robbed you and the grace to de-throne the idol that busyness can be and replace it with the kind of worship and rest Mary illustrated for us at the feet of Jesus.

Click here to read the full article.



OUR CORE VALUES —

Justice and Peace

Transformation







Solidarity with People in Need

2021-2022 Focus

A "Respect for Human Dignity" Reflection:

Learn About the organization Bread for the World

WHO WE ARE

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity at home and far beyond where we live. We can end hunger in our time. But churches and charities can't do it all. Our government must also do its part.

With the stroke of a pen, policies are made that redirect millions of dollars and affect millions of lives.

By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws fairer and more compassionate. We leverage big changes for people in our country and around the world who struggle with hunger.

WHAT WE DO

Bread equips people to write personal letters and emails, meet with their members of Congress, and to work with others to end hunger. Working through churches, campuses, and other organizations, we engage people in organized advocacy.

Each year, Bread invites churches across the country to take up an Offering of Letters to Congress on legislation that impacts hungry and poor people. We organize advocacy campaigns to pass or block federal legislation that will help end hunger and poverty.

Bread works in a bipartisan way. Our network of thousands of individual members, churches, and denominations is active in every congressional district. We speak the truth to power with a moral and Christian voice and at the right time. And together, we are building the political will to end hunger and poverty.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent.

Confront the problem of hunger. Speak up. Join us. What can one person do? Plenty. Join Bread for the World and make a difference. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

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. – $\it Helen\ Keller$

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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