

MISSION MATTERS

monthly



December 5, 2022

Staff/BOT Edition

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. But if you want to walk far, walk together"

-Kenyan Proverb

CATHOLIC Q&A

What is the true meaning of Christmas?

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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112/06: St. Nicholas Day - Christian

12/08: Bodhi Day - Buddhism

12/08: Immaculate Conception - Catholic

Christian

12/12: Our Lady of Guadalupe - Christian

12/16: Posadas Navidenas begins - Hispanic

12/18: Hanukkah begins - Judaism

12/25: Christmas - Christian

12/26: Zarathosht - Zoroastrian

12/26: Hanukkah ends - Judaism

12/30: Holy Family - Christian



HOLIDAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS!

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Click here to learn more.



Chanukah/Hanukkah began on December 18 and ends on December 26. Click here to learn more.



Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It begins December 26, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2023. Click here to learn more.



Come to the annual Blessing of Brains to help prepare for finals. Monday, December 12 3PM Library lobby, FREE PIZZA & MORE!!



MY WORKPLACE IS ALSO **MY MINISTRY**

by Randy Hain

Most of us spend the majority of our adult lives at work. The workplace today is a challenging environment to be open about our Christian beliefs. Political sensitivity and rigid company policies have led many of us to compartmentalize our faith in an unhealthy and unnatural way. I often hear people say, "I just leave my faith at the door when I get to work."

Here are some ideas and thoughts on how to practically carry your faith with you to work:

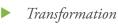
- Be a Light for Christ. Letting others see Jesus Christ in us is a powerful form of witness that will draw others to us who want what we have in their lives.
- Share our Joy. Do we reflect joy at home, at work, with friends? We have so much to be truly thankful for in our relationship with Christ.
- Let Love Drive our Actions. It is by acting in a selfless and charitable way towards others and putting their needs before our own that people will truly begin to see Jesus in us
- Practice Active Stewardship. Do you and your company give back to the community? 1 Peter 4:10 says: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
- Show Humility. It is reflecting on our motivations for our actions and letting go of the outcome. This means we can enjoy the experience of life and not be obsessed with expectations others have of us or that we have of ourselves.

We are faced with a choice between a compartmentalized life or an integrated life where faith, family and work are unified and centered in Christ. We must change our hearts, let go of our attachments to material things, and place Him first in

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COMPASSION



Respect for Human Dignity



Justice and Peace

2022-2023 Focus

PUTTING COMPASSION INTO ACTION!

Tell Congress: Pass the Children's Safe Welcome Act!

In 2018, the world watched in horror as U.S. immigration officials ripped children away from their families at our Southern border. Although family separation quickly made national headlines, the inhumane practice continued, and the world moved on. Now, we finally have the chance to act on behalf of migrant children.

The Children's Safe Welcome Act, which is currently making its way through Congress, would establish protections for migrant children who arrive at our borders. This bill would re-imagine what immigration policy looks like in our country, increasing minimum health and safety standards for children, prohibiting family detention facilities, guaranteeing legal representation for unaccompanied children, creating a process for keeping families together, and so much more.

These children need protection from our cruel, inhumane immigration system. We must bring communities together to fight on their behalf.

Sign the petition today. Let's raise our voices in unison and demand that Congress prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of immigrant children. We need the Children Safe Welcome Act.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more and sign the petition.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!





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