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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”

Winston Churchill



CATHOLIC Q&A

Can a Christian believe in evolution?

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 05/01: Beltane - Neo Pagan
- 05/02: Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 05/04: National Day of Prayer - Interfaith
- 05/18: Ascension of the Lord - Christianity
- 05/24: Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
- 05/25-27: Shavuot - Judaism
- 05/27: Visakha Puja - Buddhism



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER: GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS ON THEIR FINAL EXAMS, PAPERS & PROJECTS



**THIS WILL BE THE LAST
EDITION OF MISSION MATTERS
MONTHLY FOR THE SEMESTER
WILL RETURN ON
SEPTEMBER 4, 2023**

Living in the World But Not of the World: Workplace Lessons from Matthew and the Beatitudes

Work is an essential component of God’s kingdom. The book of Matthew recounts Jesus’ actions and teachings to show us how God intends us to live and work in his new kingdom.

As followers of Jesus, we live in two worlds. Our work may be subject to unspoken expectations, which may or not be in accordance with God’s ways. At the same time, as Christians we are subjects of God’s kingdom, committed to his values and expectations. In telling the story of Jesus, Matthew shows us how to navigate the world using God’s compass.—He constantly points us toward the world’s true identity as the “kingdom of heaven.”

Lesson 1: Jesus’ call upon us is radical and life changing.

Jesus’ calling may not change what we do for work, but it will change why we do it, and how we go about it.

Lesson 2: In every aspect of our lives, including our work, our character can reflect hope in God’s coming kingdom.

Several passages in Matthew highlight how outward behavior will change as we grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Lesson 3: True leaders serve others.

True leadership is not self-promoting nor does it come from greatness in the world’s eyes. True leadership is service and care for others.

Lesson 4: Followers of Jesus treasure God’s coming kingdom over the money and possessions of this world.

The Christian’s relationship to money is a precarious one; we must be careful to remember that in work all that is earned is a gift from God. Click [here](#) for full article.

OUR CORE VALUES

*Solidarity with
People in Need*



Transformation



COMPASSION



*Respect for
Human Dignity*



*Justice
and Peace*

2022-2023 Focus

PUTTING COMPASSION INTO ACTION!

Take a Stand Against Food Insecurity

The cost of food is rising — and it's pushing many families to the brink of hunger.

A poll of voters in rural America found that 77% of parents fear they won't be able to feed their children this year.

Without help, those hungry kids could miss out on the bright futures they deserve.

Tell Congress: Nutrition is getting harder to afford — and families need more support.

Rising food prices are pushing families across the nation to the brink of hunger — especially in rural America.

A recent poll conducted by Save the Children and Save the Children Action Network found that 77% of small-town voters worry they won't be able to feed their families this year.

That's why the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is so critical. It ensures 42 million people in the U.S. — about half of them children — have access to nutritious food.

But at current levels, research shows that households redeem more than half of their SNAP benefits within a week of receiving them.

To prevent more kids from going hungry and suffering delayed development, we must protect SNAP in the next Farm Bill.

For every \$1 spent on SNAP, roughly \$1.50 goes back into local economies and farmers' pockets — which is significant, as SNAP accounts for about 8% of expenditures on food consumed at home. This program also boosts the purchasing power of beneficiaries by freeing up money for other basic needs, like diapers and hygiene essentials.

Click [here](#) to learn more and sign the petition!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

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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