

Day 199 – Monday, Oct 5

I had to get out to Albertville early Sunday morning, to set up the video for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I am sorry I never got around to sending out a musing, the following is what I had prepared.

If you are Prince Albert Diocese you will know that this weekend is the kickoff for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every year we show a video, where the Bishop expounds on the theme. To get ready I try the video out in the DVD player, so I see it a number of times. When I watched it, it hit me—"Our Mission." "Our mission" is not to attend Mass every Sunday, our mission is to continue the mission of Christ. If we are merely looking at attending Mass, having our needs fulfilled, we are serving ourselves. Our faith has never been about serving ourselves. However, if we are simply seeking to serve ourselves, anything and everything that the parish, or diocese, hosts will not be enough...we always want more. Let me rephrase that, we say we want more, but when more is offered, we often do not participate. However, if we put our faith in its proper perspective, and see ourselves as continuing the mission of Christ, it is not what our church can do for me, it is what I can do for Christ, and the reality is, we can never do enough for Christ.

It got me to thinking, what if everyone on earth had the attitude of: "Not what others can do for me, but what can I do for others." No one would be in need and all the world's problems would be solved. Is this a pipe dream...I don't think so—that is the world that Christ came to bring.

If we all do our part to build God's kingdom, it will be built.

In the light of eternity, we're here for a very short time, really. We're here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
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