

Vocation Reflections June 2018

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O my Jesus, as I desire to be your follower I will strive to accept your will in every event in life. Give me light and strength, divine Lord, through the Holy Spirit, to know the tendencies and foolishness of my own desires, so that I may have the grace steadfastly to fulfill your holy will in Jesus. Amen.”

– Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger 10/3/1823

What We've Read:



...The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness. Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his *Spiritual Canticle*, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them “in his or her own way”. For God’s life is communicated “to some in one way and to others in another”... This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5).

– Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete Et Exultate* of the Holy Father Francis on the Call to Holiness in Today’s World

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html

Thoughts on Prayer....

“I...don’t always have wonderful thoughts or feelings when I pray...But I believe that something is happening because God is greater than my mind and heart. The larger mystery of prayer is greater than what I can grasp.”

– Father Henri Nouwen

“Prayer is the most necessary element for our souls, as water is for fish...” – Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger

“The first requirement of prayer is silence. People of prayer are people of silence.” – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Looking Ahead:

International Solidarity Reflection

June, 2018

<https://gerhardinger.org/international-solidarity-reflection-june-2018/>

Vocation Awareness Program

University of Dallas, Irving, TX

June 8-10, 2018

<http://vapinfo.org/>

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Come and Be – Dinner & Prayer with the sisters

Dallas, TX

June 19, 2018 6-8p

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One Heart, One Mind

Saturday, June 23

9:30a – 11 am

Lectio Divina

St. Monica's Church

Dallas, TX

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214-770-5421

This Month's Resources for Discernment:

<http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies.html>

Love gives everything gladly, again and again...

El Amor da todo con alegría y lo renueva cada día.

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