

Reflection #2: Sometimes art, prose or poetry can help us touch into our hearts in a different way. Rainer Maria Rilke was an Austrian-German poet and novelist. Reflect on the following paragraph, from “*Letters to a Young Novelist*.”² What feelings arise? Do any questions or insights surface?

“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.”

Prayer—Thomas Merton³

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it... I will not fear, for you are ever with me...”

Looking Ahead

Women’s Discernment Group: Chicago Archdiocese Vocation website:

<https://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>

Intergenerational Panel Discussion on Climate Change | Voices of Hope | Care for Our Common Home.

Sponsored by Sisters of St. Francis, Dubuque; Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Canticle of Creation Center, Dubuque

Sunday September 20, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/yryyvanj>

Marian Picnic – an “in-person” event with social distancing

Join us to pray and reflect on Mary's Fiat

October 3, 2020 – 10 am-12 pm

Blessed Sacrament Academy - 1135 Mission Rd., San Antonio, TX 78210

Single Catholic Ladies 16-40 years old; Bring your own lunch.

Email Sister Bridget for more details bwaldorf@ssnd.org

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Each of our *Vocation Reflections* is available on-line at our website:

<https://ssnd.org/become-sister/vocation-resources/>

This month’s resource

America Media: “Discernment can be hard—but God delights in your choice”

https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/08/21/discernment-decisions-god-delight-choice?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5128&pnespid=10wyrfRCGBKNbmtSNp0_G44zz2S1g4KuFF9fnBXM

¹ Quoted material from: *Let your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* by Parker J. Palmer. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000.

² Quoted material from: *Letters To a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke, and M. D. Herter Norton. 2004.

³ Quoted material from: *Thoughts in Solitude* by Thomas Merton. New York, N.Y: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1958.