The Fire in the Thornbush
Dialogue

The Holiness In Each Of Us

By Sister
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50. The work of the Church is the same at home and in public places. The holiness of each of us is found finally and only in the depth of our faith, hope and love: "In short, there are three things which last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love." (I Corinthians 13:13) Who, but God alone, can assess the immeasurable variety and disposition of this holy love among his people? If it is not given to us to measure it, how can we compile reports about it? And yet, we need to help one another experience it, be ever grateful for it and bear one another up in its strength.

We had a simple renewal of vows during a liturgy last night in our convent. Seven of us held candles and reaffirmed our commitments to God through our two congregations, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Sisters of Mercy. We shared what permanent vows mean to us now and what they meant seven, 25, and 40 years ago, when we first spoke them. We also reflected on life in community, the single and married life, and the difficult balancing of service and contemplation in our vocations. One Sister said what many of us felt: in an act so simple as holding a candle and repeating a vow that lasts forever, we are a source of strength for one another.

One advantage of religious communities is that we expect to find holiness — God's evident love — in them, and so we usually find it. Those looking in and those within find holiness. Something in human nature calls us to rise (or, at other times, descend) to the level of expectations others hold for us. For example, two weeks after being baptized as a Catholic and announcing my intention to enter the Sisters of Mercy, I was teaching a high school CCD class. Admittedly, I might have been asked precisely because I was the only adult in the parish who knew nothing about high school CCD classes. But I tend to think that the director expected that an inspired competence automatically attached itself to religious aspirants, and it never occured to me to disappoint him.

And so it is sometimes with holiness. We expect ordained, celibate males, vowed religious, and some violinists to have it. (In law, this might be a "presumption of holiness.") We expect comedians, housewives and athletes to depend on others' holiness and prayer. (They have the burden of proving otherwise.)

Sometimes our expectations are met. And yet, sometimes we miss the "immeasurable variety and disposition of this holy love among his people" just because we attempt to assess it; we miss moments, in acts so simple as holding candles or rebraiding a child's hair, when we can be sources of strength for one another.

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Calendar

PUBLIC SERVICE MEETING — The Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control/Monroe County has scheduled two showings of the LANAC speakers' training film at 12:15 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Feb. 24-25, and 7-9 p.m., Thursday Feb. 24. The showings are open to the public. Reservations for the evening showing are required and can be made before Feb. 23 by calling the Bar Center, 546-1817.

MEDIA SPEAKER — Gloria Emerson, former foreign correspondent for the New York Times, will give two presentations, one at 4:15 p.m. and another at 8 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 17, at St. John Fisher College. For further information contact Gerald McCarthy, 586-4140, ext. 370.

SUNDAY SOCIALS — "The 30 over 60 Social Club" sponsors dancing and entertainment every Sunday, 2-5 p.m., Corpus Christi School Auditorium, 880 East Main St. Free parking. For further information call 467-4950.

KILBOURN HALL — Concert series featuring Larry Smith at the organ, 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, tickets $5.50, reduced rates for senior citizens and the University of Rochester community: New Arts Trio Concert featuring Rebecca Penneys on piano; Piotr Janowski, violin; Steven Doane, cello; 3 p.m., Sunday Feb. 20. Free: New Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band Concert featuring Bill Dobbins and Ramon Ricker, 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21. Free.

CONCERT — By the Eastman Chorale and Chamber Orchestra featuring the music of Stravinsky, Pinkham, Hovland, Ives, Hodkinson and Adler, 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, Eastman Theatre, free.

PHILHARMONIC X — RPO under the direction of guest conductor Myung-Whun Chung with Norman Krieger at piano featuring the music of Mozart, Mendelssohn and Mussorgsky/Ravel, 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, and 8:30, Saturday, Feb. 19, Eastman Theatre.

THEATER — The Metropolitan Opera Ballet of New York City will present anything from a 19th century Viennese waltz to a Broadway show-stopper at 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Nazareth College Arts Center, main auditorium.

CHILDRENS' THEATER — "Cinderlla" presented by the Metropolitan Opera Ballet of New York, 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, Nazareth Arts Center, tickets $6.

DISCUSSION — Presented by Patricia Anderson, associate curator for American Art at Memorial Art Gallery, talks on "George Washington: God-Like Hero," at 12:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17. Free to members; free to non-members with gallery admission. Bring sack lunch.

FILMS ON ARTISTS — To present "Andy Warhol" and "Lichtenstein in London" 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, Memorial Art Gallery. Admission free.

SPRING LECTURE SERIES — Present "Video Art and Contemporary Art" by video artist-in-residence, Dan Reeves, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23, Memorial Art Gallery. Coffee served in the conference room at 10 a.m.

SENIOR MATINEE — "Dinner at Eight" starring Jean Harlow, Marie Dressler, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, George Eastman House.

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KOREAN ADOPTION INFORMATION — Through Dillon Children's Services, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Ave. For more information call Carol Brownstein at 338-1848.

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