



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

St. John XXIII

How community is built

St. John XXIII is a man of humor, courage, and great faith. He was the Pope who called the Vatican II Council and his pontificate lasted from 1958-1963. John XXIII wrote extensively on family life and described the family as “the first essential cell of human society.” Strong communities and a loving world are built

first and foremost off of strong family life. In the family we learn how to sacrifice, how to forgive, how to obey, and how to love. Family is where formation and learning primarily occurs. St. John XXIII understood this and his writings and Vatican II are still shaping us even as he has passed from this earth. His feast day is October 11th. Let’s celebrate his life, thanks be to God!!!!



The family of Daphne Winner

Daphne Winner passed away this past summer. And she shaped and formed a family that wished to honor her legacy by helping the poor, glorifying

God, and spreading His love. One could say that Daphne---now departed from this earth---still impacts this world through her family and the fact that her family decided to donate monetary memorials left in Daphne’s name to Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. We were humbled

to hear this act of kindness. Here, we see the beauty of God’s life living in those who are still living and deceased. From the grave Daphne still helps feed the poor and care for the most impoverished of Southern Nebraska with this simple act. It is evident that the love shown in the Winner family is from God. And indeed the “cell” that is the Winner family shows God building a loving part of the Mystical Body of Christ in Southern Nebraska.

We thank God for the life of St. John XXIII and we thank God for the life of Daphne Winner and all of the lives she

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has touched. May we all look for ways to allow God to live and love through us and our actions. And may we all look forward to being with our loved ones in Heaven while we still care for the impoverished here on earth.

Thank you for your faith in Jesus and may God bless us always!!!!

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A spark of light, a core of love

The Church's holiness and human wisdom are expressed very clearly in what is called "The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII":

- Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
- Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
- Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
- Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
- Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to

the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

- Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
- Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
- Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
- Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
- Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

To conclude: here is an all-embracing resolution: "I want to be kind, today and always, to everyone". In this way, we can put Pope John's hope for every Christian into practice: "Every believer in this world must be a spark of light, a core of love, life-giving leaven in the mass: and the more he is so, the more he will live, in his innermost depths, in communion with God".

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