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State Regent's Corner

It's hard to believe that winter is just around the corner...and soon it will be Christmas. Jesus' Birthday! The reason for the season.... Something the world seems to have forgotten, especially in these difficult economic times. Let's unite as Daughters and pray for those who have lost sight of what the meaning of Christmas is. Let us pray.....

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen. (Author Unknown)

Beatrice Dostie

Be at Peace



Do not fear the changes in life, rather look to them with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not be afraid of what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will give unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace – and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.

St. Francis de Sales
1567-1622

A Message from our State Chaplain

Dear Daughters,



'Tis the Season, isn't it?

Thanksgiving – Christmas – New Year's

But then, we should not overlook Advent, a time of longing for the Savior! After all, his coming in time and his return at the end of time give meaning to our celebrations and observances, or should.

If you are not familiar with the saying, I'm quite sure you are with the feeling of "going around in circles and getting nowhere fast". Life can appear to us as a perfect reflection of that saying, in fact so much that we can miss the point of our celebrations.

We are called to so much more than going around in circles. Wouldn't it be nice then if we could avoid having to say on January 2nd that we are glad and relieved that the Holidays are over for another year?

St. Paul advises us to live, really live, to open our hearts and our minds to the life that God gives us. We can do something and do our part to make the world imagined by the prophet Isaiah a reality when he says: "They shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

When will it happen? Can it not start with our own personal world? Are there fences that need to be mended? Advent tells us that it is a great time to be alive. We may not know the time of the Lord's final coming, but God has given us this great time to be alive.

May God bless you all during this SEASON OF PEACE, LOVE, AND HAPPINESS!

Fr. Lionel G. Chouinard