

Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers urgently needed to spend one hour a week in adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

Monday Morning 1.00am.-2.00am

Volunteers required for emergency night hours.

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The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people, for "it has pleased God to make men and women holy to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather as a people who might acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness". In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people.

I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness. Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people which "shares also in Christ's prophetic office, spreading abroad a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity."

We should consider the fact that, as Saint Teresa Benedict of the Cross suggests, real history is made by so many of them. As she writes: "The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions.

And we will only find out about those to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden will be revealed.

The above is an extract from Pope Francis' Document "On the Call to Holiness in Today's World."