

E-DEVOTION FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

I spoke with someone last week who was quite ill with the Covid virus. He told me how disconcerting it was for him when he realized he had lost his sense of taste and smell. He said it didn't come on 'all of a sudden' but gradually he realized he couldn't taste what he was eating, and he had no sense of smell.

That got me thinking about the five senses. I love to eat! I just love food... and I am known to savor the aroma of what I am about to eat. My wife has been experimenting with baking bread (like many folks during our stay-at-home experience). I can pull my car into our garage and immediately think to myself... "Oh, that smells so good!" I cannot imagine being without any of my senses. It must be quite difficult.

We have a good, old friend who lost his sight many years ago. He had been an air traffic controller, loved to read, loved good wine and good music. He also was a bass fiddle player, and it gave him so much comfort to pluck away on that big bass. He didn't have his sight, but his sense of touch became more and more honed. Dick approached life with such vigor and enthusiasm. He was a true visionary.

I'm thinking especially this day about the sense of sight. In Acts 2, we read: "*Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.*" My sight isn't what it used to be. Most of us are experiencing something similar. So perhaps this is the time for us to encourage our young to see visions... to see the present and the future... as we dream our dreams. This quote attributed to Helen Keller is so profound: **"Worse than being blind, is having sight but no vision."**

So, this day I hope all of us look around and see what we can see... There's an old song that goes like this... ***"Look out your window, see what you can see. Silence is broken by opening your door. Look out your window, see if you can see... all the wonders of life, you've never seen before."***

Just a 'glimpse' of positive thinking for this new week! Wear your mask everywhere, wash your hands, fold them... bow your head. Thank God for sight... for vision... for the beautiful world, just outside our window.

Pray with me: "Dear Lord, you have given us eyes to see. Help us to see what is good, and to go about your work in this world. And give us vision to dream our dreams. Amen. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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BY THE WAY...I am excited to share with you an **Online Service of Holy Communion** which is available on the dhlc.org website. Sharing this meal together at home unites us as a family.