



From The Heart

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oberlin, Ohio

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PARISH REFUGEE PROGRAM

In this program, Catholic Charities locates a home in the west Cleveland area and arranges for a family to move into it. A parish community sponsors the family. This entails providing the home with good second-hand furniture and appliances; greeting the family at the airport and helping them move in; and regularly visiting to help with shopping, school enrollment, medical appointments, entertainment, etc. Family members will be attending daily classes to help them get jobs and work on their language skills. The offices and classrooms are at St. Augustine Tower, 7800 Detroit Road, in Cleveland.

Our Peace and Justice Committee is seeking volunteers to share the responsibilities. We will need 3 groups with a minimum 2 people in each group. A group can consist of a family or an individual with social work or travel experience. The goal of this program is to help families become independent as soon as possible. Direct involvement with the families will be frequent at first, but will eventually taper off to checking in on an as-needed basis, then it will end. Volunteers will be fingerprinted, checked out, and trained by Catholic Charities. They will drive to the site of the family's home and assist with the needs at the time.

Flexibility, spontaneity, open-mindedness, and strong commitment are ideal qualities for this apostolate. If you are interested, please contact Lori Taylor (440-213-7991) or Ted Chmura (440-935-6601).

Ted Chmura

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people." (GKC,

WONDERING HOW TO TAKE YOUR FAITH TO WORK?

Here are some ways to give witness to others in our workplaces. They're simple but can be effective. Wear a cross or crucifix. Take a book about Catholic experiences or spirituality to work with you and leave it on your desk where people might notice it. Hang a rosary from your computer monitor. Whether you've been taught it's politically incorrect or not, say "Bless you" or "God bless you" when someone sneezes. If you hear something inspirational or otherwise interesting in a homily, mention it at work; it could be a conversation-starter. If you go to confession, mention what a good and peace-giving experience it was. If you find out someone's Catholic but no longer practices, invite them to go to Mass or to some other parish event with you. If you're allowed, go to YouTube and start quietly playing worship music at your desk. Invite people to, or at least tell them about, upcoming parish meals or possibly a mission we're having. Share that you went to a baptism or a funeral Mass. Don't be confrontational. "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love." (I Cor. 16:13-14)

BLESSING OF YOUR HOME

For Jews and Christians alike, the notion of blessing things is bound up with praising God and giving thanks. It is expressive of our way of seeing, understanding and living in the world. We are blessed by God in so many ways and we respond by giving God worship and honor. When we bless objects we are first of all thanking God for the gift that that object is and we are praying that it will be used for the purpose and intention for which it was created or made.

For many centuries members of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches have encouraged the faithful to have their home blessed. Traditionally this was often done on or near the feast of the Epiphany, though there is no specifically correct time for this to be done. A priest or deacon is welcomed to the home where the family joins him in the ritual blessing in which prayers are offered for the safety of all who live there and that it will be a place of peace, harmony and love. Then the house is sprinkled with holy water. In many cases the tradition is followed where a chalk marking is placed above the front door. For a home blessed this year it would read 20 + C + M + B + 16. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the traditional names of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in his first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless this house.” *The + signs represent the cross and the 20 at the beginning and the 16 at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein through the entire year. Having one’s home blessed and door marked encourages one to dedicate their life at home to God and to make it a place where those who dwell there belong to Christ.* Fr. Cole and Deacon Tom would be more than happy to bless any parishioner’s home. Simply give them a call at the office or sent them an email.

Fr. Cole

On Saturday, Sept. 17, we all felt the brunt of the rain and strong winds of a thunderstorm that blew through our area. Many homes in Oberlin experienced a lengthy power outage and many trees in our community were blown down or sheared off. Oberlin Country Club was especially hard hit. Our parish property did not escape unscathed. The large center branches of the locust tree in front of our church were broken off and were dangerously hung up in the lower limbs. Upon examination the tree was found to be undergoing rot which meant additional limbs would come down. Since it was in an area where people walk and cars drive, I felt it was necessary to have it removed. We'll adjust to the new look for a while and in the spring figure out what to plant there. I welcome your suggestions.

Fr. Cole

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CONVERT CHAT

Convert Chat represents a new opportunity for converts to the Catholic faith to get together and share their stories. There are so many reasons people decide to follow the road to Rome. Some come because of the example of a faithful Catholic, some because they study Christian history and realize ours is the church founded by Christ. Others come because they're led by scripture. Each one has his or her unique story. There are those who become Catholic despite initial misgivings and struggles with particular teachings. Some must face antagonistic reactions of family and friends, but God's grace proves sufficient to calm the fears and doubts, to help searchers see how much sense Catholicism makes, and to experience the fullness of the faith that has been handed down from the apostles.

If you have a conversion story you'd like to share, please join us in the education building the second Saturday of the month between 9 and 10:15 a.m.. There will be no pressure to speak; if you only want to listen or ask questions, that will be perfectly fine. We'll have sheets of talking points that may help start the sharing. Here are some of those: What church, if any, were you affiliated with before? What prompted you to investigate Catholicism? Were you encouraged or even discouraged by family or friends? Did you do much reading and studying outside what was asked of you when you either participated in RCIA or received instructions in some other manner? Did you struggle with any particular teachings? What was your initial reaction to the Mass?

Come for good and meaningful conversation – and doughnuts!

C. Wilhelm

Meet Your Ushers and Collection Counters

They perform an invaluable service to our parish. They are typically the first people you see when you walk in the doors at church. They are the people who greet you every week as they hand you the bulletin and a Missal. They are also the ones who meticulously count the collection after each Mass. So who are these people? They are the ushers and collection counters. You may already know them, but if you don't, I'll be introducing in the next few issues those who serve regularly as ushers and collection counters. Even if, like me, you thought you already knew some of the ushers, you might discover something new about these people that welcome you to Sacred Heart every week.



Ray Buchholz has served as an usher for about 40 years, and he also does collection counting after Mass. Ray makes sure that there are ushers for Mass and for special events, and he invites people to take up the gifts during Mass. Ray says that Father Cole has told him he's the "eyes in the back of the church," a role that Ray takes to heart. Ray says that he's always felt it is part of an usher's duties to watch over the church, to help out where needed. "Church has been part of our family for years," says Ray, and he approaches his duties as usher as if the members of the church are part of an extended family. If someone becomes ill during church, Ray tries to help out; if he hears of a parishioner who is ill, he tries to make sure Father Cole is aware of it as well. He knows that college students are often far from home so he tries to make sure they feel welcomed at Sacred Heart. Ray believes that you have to make people feel like family, like a part of the church. He believes that if the ushers project a friendly and welcoming manner, people will have a positive impression of the church.

Ray has been a member of Sacred Heart parish for about 50 years. It is probably natural that Ray associates church with family because he has a number of family members who currently attend Sacred Heart or attended in the past. In addition to his wife, Chris, and daughter Rachel, his mother, brother, sister, aunt, and cousin are members.

Ray and Chris have been married for 36 years. They have 2 daughters and recently became grandparents when daughter, Katie, adopted two boys. Ray is a manufacturing engineer manager and has worked at Ridge Tool for 43 years. In his spare time, Ray enjoys farming, camping, fishing, and exhibiting a restored John Deere tractor at the Lorain Co. Fair and the LaGrange Engine Show. Primarily, though, Ray says he's enjoying spending time with his new grandsons.



Ron and Judy Pickworth are longtime members of Sacred Heart parish. Ron has been a member his whole life, and Judy joined the parish after they were married – 41 years ago! When asked what drew him to serve as an usher, Ron says that it was really just a family tradition. Ron’s dad was an usher, and anytime he needed help, he tapped Ron to serve. Gradually, it worked into a regular service. Ron says that several of those who usher at the 10:00 Mass, including Ray, were recruited by his dad. Judy started serving as an usher much the same way; if they were short an usher for a Mass, Judy would offer to help out and has been doing it ever since. Ron said that even their children have been drafted at times to help as ushers, particularly for the midnight Christmas Mass.

Ron and Judy both graduated from The Ohio State University but met through 4-H. They have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Tradition seems to be a familiar thread in this family as 2 of their daughters also graduated from Ohio State. Ron retired from teaching at the Medina County JVS and now farms about 250 acres. He is a member of the Lorain County Fair Board and the La-Grange Zoning Board. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking. Judy retired from teaching in Wellington and spends time helping out at the fair as well as serving as a trustee for Lorain-Medina Rural Electric. Judy is also still active in 4-H and is on the Advisory Council. In her spare time, Judy does a bit of sewing, but most of all, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

Mike and Nancy McGinty have been members of Sacred Heart parish for about 8 years and were married here in 2010. Mike and Nancy help with the collection counting after Mass, and Mike fills in as an usher when needed. Nancy says that Father Cole and Deacon Tom asked them about helping as ushers or collection counters and they agreed to serve, although Nancy says that she prefers to work in the background. Mike and Nancy also serve as Eucharistic ministers, a ministry that they have been involved in for over a year. Nancy says that they really like the atmosphere and friendliness at Sacred Heart.



Working as a collection counter is a natural progression for Nancy, who worked in her family business but whose full time job is administrative support at Lorain County General Health District. Nancy is in charge of all the billing for the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh). Nancy has one adult daughter. Mike is a union bricklayer for Local 5. Mike’s handiwork can be seen in the brick sign in front of the church. Nancy says that any spare time they have will find them out riding their Harley.

Kathy Gulish

OUR ADVENTURE TO RELIGIOUS AND HISTORIC SITES

The morning of August 4th, 50 men and women, ready for adventure and good food, boarded a Lakefront luxury bus and headed for the east side of Cleveland.

First stop: Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, a reform Jewish temple in Beachwood. Fairmount is the oldest existing congregation in Cleveland. Anshe Chesed is Hebrew for “people of loving kindness,” and kindness was exactly what we were shown there. Cathy Kraus, assistant to one of the three Fairmount rabbis, welcomed us, then showed us to a small worship space, then to a larger worship space where, among other things, we learned about the tabernacle and scrolls, symbols, Reform Judaism, and their history. Cathy was very knowledgeable and graciously welcomed questions until our time there ran out.



Next stop: the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, right down the road from the temple. Rather than taking an official tour, we each went our own way, wandering through the exhibits and, of course, the wonderful gift shop.

From there, we hopped back on the bus and rode to Sokolowski's University Inn in Tremont. Sokolowski's specializes in mouthwatering Eastern European fare, and they give us plenty of delicious food for our money.

Next stop: Saint Andrew Abbey. Brother Mario, one of the Benedictine monks living there, took us on a tour of the abbey and, once he had given us the talk, invited us to participate in a prayer service in their worship space.

Last stop: ice cream at Krieg's. Delicious!

It was a day for new experiences, learning, fellowship, good food, and fun. Next time, who knows where that bus will take us, but wherever it is, we hope you'll join us for another parish day of adventure.



C. Wilhelm

Parish Council Discernment Process

Parish Council will soon be selecting two new members to replace retiring members Connie Loflin and Jack Secrist, whose terms will expire at the end of December. In 2015 the process for selecting new Council members was changed, and parishioners should be aware of how this new process works and why it was implemented.

Previously, Council members were elected by fellow parishioners following a nomination process that had become. Many people were nominated who then declined to be on the ballot. It became a very time-consuming process, and Parish Council began to investigate other methods of selecting members.

After much discussion, Parish Council adopted a discernment process that would replace the election process. This new system places an emphasis on prayerful discernment in selecting new Council members by the current members instead of electing new members by ballot.

The first step in the discernment process is to hold two information sessions after Masses in October that will give interested parishioners a chance to find out what is expected of Council members as well as to ask questions about Parish Council. Following these information sessions, parishioners are encouraged to nominate openly those whom they believe to have the desired characteristics to serve on Council, and this can include themselves. The next step is for current Council members to review the nominations at the October Council meeting and to contact nominees to determine formally if they are willing to run for a position. If they are, they will be asked to submit responses to a questionnaire prior to the November meeting of Council. This will also serve as a check that candidates have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are able to attend the monthly meetings, and have no immediate family members in the same household currently serving on Council. The final step occurs in executive session at the November Council meeting. Father Cole, Deacon Tom, and current Council members review the responses to the questionnaires and discern, through prayer and discussion, which nominees they believe should be selected to Council. Final selection is then made by current Council members through a secret ballot.

For a complete description of the process, please see the Parish Council By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4, which is on our parish website.

Kathy Gulish (Council Secretary) and Jack Secrist (Council Chairperson)

A Prayer for Discernment...

Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, charity, sense, and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command.

St. Francis of Assisi

Did You Know?

Did you know that this year there are 85 men studying at Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary Graduate School of Theology? Of those, 67 are studying for the Cleveland Diocese. Seven are to be ordained for the diocese in May 2017. This is great news!

Places To Go

The Cleveland Museum of Art currently has an exhibit named “Elegant Fashion in the Church: Radiant Vestments and Regalia of the 1600s and 1700s.” There is no cost for admission.

Sorrowful Mother Shrine. There’s a large outdoor worship space with a number of confessionals as well as an old brick church on this expansive and beautiful property south of Bellevue. There are replicas of Lourdes, the sepulchre grotto, and others. It’s a perfect place for a day of personal reflection or to visit with your friends or family. There’s no cost to enter, but donations are happily accepted. The gift shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 until 5 and weekends from 10 until four. Masses are Saturdays at 4, Sundays at 9 and 11, and Monday through Saturday at 11. Confessions are heard daily for an hour before each Mass. The shrine also has a cafeteria, and groups of at least 15 can make reservations to eat there. The phone number is [419-483 – 3435](tel:419-483-3435), extension 101. The street address is 4106 State Route 269 in Bellevue and is a 37-1/2 mile drive from Sacred Heart. The website is sorrowfulmothershrine.org.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

This fall, 24 Sacred Heart students in grades eight or above will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. On November 5, 2016, Abbot Gary A. Hoover, a Benedictine monk and the seventh abbot of Saint Andrew Abbey, will travel to Oberlin to confer the sacrament.

Under the direction of Chuck Leverknight, students began intense preparation for the final initiation rite last January, and attended monthly special sessions in addition to attending weekly PSR class from September through May. Students will resume instruction beginning again in October until they receive the sacrament at Mass on Saturday, November 5.

Leverknight utilized the program *Dynamic Catholic*, created by motivational speaker and author Matthew Kelly. This video-based program encourages students to delve into 12 separate topics not limited to life choice, relationships, prayer, the Bible, the Eucharist, the Church, mission, and achieving holiness. In addition to brief videos, book instruction provided necessary structure to lessons while allowing for dialogue between students as they developed a solid faith foundation.

In addition to classroom-based activities, students had to complete several other requirements in order to be considered for the sacrament. These requirements included 30 hours of community service; the selection of a saint and a report explaining the life of the saint and his/her relevance to their spirituality; the selection of a sponsor; a letter to Abbot Hoover requesting to be confirmed; and a one-on-one interview with Father Cole or Deacon Tom.

Leverknight noted that in the past, adults who missed the opportunity to be confirmed in their earlier years have participated in the sacrament of Confirmation along with the teens. Unlike teens, adults receive their preparation under the guidance of Father Cole.

Please pray for these candidates as they progress on their spiritual journey toward Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit surround them and guide them into a deeper relationship with God, their community, and their own spirituality.

Marla Thompson.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

One parish ministry that many may not be aware of is the provision of bereavement luncheons by a loyal and dedicated group of parishioners. The luncheons are organized by Mary Ann Diedrick and Edie Taylor with assistance from Mary Ann's sister, Cathy Lang, and her husband, Hal. Many others also assist with serving, cleaning up, or providing food. Edie, Mary Ann, and Cathy continue a legacy of service to the parish of more than 25 years, following in the footsteps of Mary Ann and Cathy's mother, Betty Diedrick.

Mary Ann recalls her mother's kitchen being used to prepare the luncheon main dish. Edie and Mary Ann still find preparing the main dish using their home kitchens convenient, as it provides them the flexibility needed to work on funeral luncheons and still maintain their busy family and work schedules. Much of the other food is also prepared in volunteers' home kitchens. The education building's newly-refurbished kitchen area is used for re-heating and storage of food that's brought in from these volunteers.

The luncheon menu consists, generally, of a main entrée, beverages, side dishes, and desserts. Typically 65-75 people, but sometimes more, can be seated for a meal. The luncheon may take place immediately after the funeral Mass or be otherwise scheduled to accommodate the family's needs if interment is out of town. Once the family makes funeral arrangements with Father Cole, he notifies Mary Ann or Edie, who contacts the family to discuss specifics about the meal. Cathy then reaches out through the bereavement luncheon volunteer network so that enough side dishes and desserts are provided.

An aspect of this ministry that may not be readily evident is the varied ways to support the committee's efforts. While serving and cleaning up may require a person to be at the hall during the luncheon, the schedules of volunteer cooks and bakers can be accommodated with drop-off times and plenty of space for items that need to be refrigerated in advance of the meal.

Any parishioners who'd like to volunteer in any of these capacities may contact Edie (440-775-7253) or Mary Ann (440-774-8928).

Brian Barbuto

A CONVERT STORY

I have a very good friend who goes by the name Gray Bear. Gray Bear is now living in a nursing home near Toledo, but for years he lived right here in Oberlin. He's a convert to Catholicism, and I'd like to share some of his story with you.

Gray Bear, whose real name is Punnel, was a bad little Baptist boy growing up in Chicago. The teachers at his public school predicted he'd be in prison or dead by age fifteen. His was one of three black families on the block, and the children from the other two families were attending school at Saint Dorothy's. Their parents convinced Mr. and Mrs. Gray to send their son to Catholic school and see if things might improve. After a rocky start, little Punnel became an honor student. Like all the other children, he attended Mass regularly at school. Eventually he asked his parents if he could join the Catholic Church. His entire family was so amazed at what seemed to them a miraculous change in their boy, that they not only went along with his request, but decided themselves to convert. Punnel, his mother, his father, his brother and sister, his grandmother, and even his grandfather, a high-ranking Mason, all became members of the Catholic Church.

Gray Bear's priest in Chicago was Fr. George Clements, who now lives in Washington, D.C. The young men from St. Dorothy's parish were known as "Fr. Clements' boys," and they were active in the civil rights movement there as well as with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The group was arrested from time to time, with other such luminaries as Dick Gregory.

Interestingly, when Gray Bear came to Oberlin as the college's assistant men's basketball coach in the 1980s – he'd been director of athletics at Loop College in Chicago -- black staff members he met here tried to discourage him from remaining in the Catholic Church, as that was no place for black people (in their opinion). He stood firm, though. Knowing this was the church founded by Christ, he told them, "I came here Catholic, and I'll die Catholic."

He is no longer mobile, and he doesn't have many friends who can get to Toledo to visit him, but he knows what he believes, holds to it, and looks forward to visits from a local priest and from Eucharistic ministers who visit him each week to pray with him and bring him Christ in holy Communion.

C. Wilhelm

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THE MAJORITY OF ONE

We have an adults-only social group called the Majority of One, of which any single, adult parishioner is encouraged to be a part.

This group has been in existence for many years. Members have experienced fun and fellowship while sharing pizzas, potlucks in our education building, or visiting places like Stan Hywet Hall in Akron, riding on the Cuyahoga Valley National Scenic Railroad, walking through the Lorain County Fair and Lagrange Steam Show, and checking out Wellington's Harvest of the Arts. We generally have one activity each month; often, this is a breakfast or dinner. We've eaten at the Coppertop in Brunswick, Jackelope in Lorain, Moosehead and Ziggy's in Amherst, Dominic's in Medina, Michelle's in Lagrange, our own Quick & Delicious and Lorenzo's right here in Oberlin, the Matus Winery, and at many other great spots.

Upcoming events include a cruise on the Black River, a potluck and board games night, and our annual Christmas dinner and white elephant gift exchange.

There are no monthly meetings, just monthly activities. There's never any requirement to participate; that's entirely up to each individual. Everyone is encouraged to make suggestions about what to do and where to go. Notices of upcoming activities appear in the weekly church bulletin.

C. Wilhelm

Catholics and Charity: Some Interesting Facts

According to Charity Navigator, Catholic Charities is rated 4 stars out of a possible 4. Catholic Charities USA is the largest private network of social services organizations in the United States, providing 50% of social services in the United States. (PolitiFact) "The Roman Catholic Church is the largest non-government provider of health care services in the world ... with around 18,000 clinics; 16,000 homes for the elderly and those with special needs; 5,500 hospitals (of which 65% are in developing countries)." (Wikipedia)

Sacred Heart is one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland and yet it is alive and active as evidenced by the various ministries, programs and events that take place here throughout the year. Through the involvement of many of our parishioners we are a Catholic community that makes Christ visible in a number of ways, specifically by the way we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, shelter the homeless, comfort those who mourn, and share our stories of faith, to name but a few.

One of the greatest challenges we face as a parish is dealing with rising costs. Even though our income has gradually risen, there is no question that it needs to increase if we are to remain financially viable and be in a healthy position for the future. Although we do our very best to spend money wisely and monitor our spending carefully, there are many costs and obligations over which we have little control, for example, costs of insurance, benefits, maintenance, heating and other utilities.

As a result a few weeks ago we started the Grateful Giving Program. This is in essence a form of spirituality in which we were asked to reflect on the many ways that God has blessed us and then to show our gratitude by a sacrificial increase in what we are contributing to our parish. Our Sunday offertory collection is the lifeblood that nourishes the heart of all that we do here at Sacred Heart and we depend on it in order to function.

Everyone is being asked to assist in this important initiative in a couple of ways. First, a modest increase in our weekly donation will help us meet our expenses, stabilize our finances and build a firm foundation for the future. Second, the regular use of parish envelopes will help us maintain a regular cash flow. By doing so we will be helping in the growth of our parish ministries and programs. If you find that you are not able to increase your weekly contribution at this time, please continue to assist the parish as best you can. As Sacred Scripture tells us, *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* (Hebrews 13:16)

Fr. Cole

A PLACE TO *BE*

I have a confession . . . I like going to church alone. And while I recognize this statement alone might not warrant a trip to the confessional, believe me when I tell you it's all in the underpinnings.

As a mother of six, I have a moral obligation to expose my children to Mass--even if that means I'm exposing the rest of the parish to their antics. After all, my parents *made me go, it's only natural that I should make them go, too.*

Here is the crux of my guilt.

After my sixth child, I became a master of slipping out of the house almost undetected. Church became one of the few places I could run away from home to with very little offense.

For years I attended Mass all while bouncing a baby on my hip and a child or three on each side. Between bottles and pacifiers, car seats and teething rings, attending church became an Olympic event.

In my mid-twenties, a helpful parishioner turned around and offered me a missal opened to the entrance hymn. Without delay, the baby in my arms plucked the page clean out. As I stood there open-mouthed, he replied, "Take all of them home and beat them."

I'm not throwing stones. He was, after all, the father of five. . . though his were grown. It did, however, make me question whether or not my spirituality could survive my own children's childhoods. Only occasionally did I take away from church anything more than an aching back. While I'm sure my kids aren't unique, I do know they are uniquely stressful to me.

It's difficult to hear God when you're negotiating kids and life. Between the demands of family and work, sometimes all that is needed is a place just to BE. Unfortunately, the cost of finding that place was neglecting the spiritual foundation that my children so desperately needed.

I received sage advice about four kids ago:

"A child shouldn't remember the first time they went to church."

I believe this translates to:

Children should always know church.

After all, what would Mary have done?

As a mother who has fallen short of the Divine, I can only aspire to find God in the chaos that is my life and hope that if God does choose to speak to me, that He do so loudly.

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