

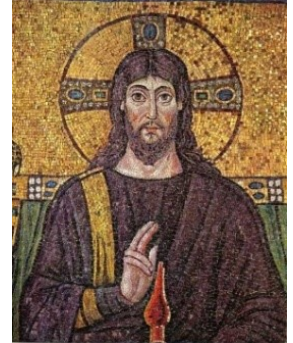
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FINISH WELL IN LIFE

Retirement is God's way of freeing you up for Further Service

We all have heard the saying, that God has a Plan for our Lives. Many times we have prayed hard and sometimes heard an answer that we are doing what we are supposed to do. Sometimes not.

However, God may have a plan that we could not have imagined, a plan that focuses you on how well you finish your life.



Pretty much our whole life through, we are being called as Men of Christ to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in an imperfect and broken world. The gravity of our duty as Men of Christ, offers us an invitation to renew and rekindle Christ-based Masculinity.

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.
Psalm 71:18

There is a Commonsense, Easy to Grasp and Straightforward way to Deploy a Five-Step Plan that we are going to look at from a Scriptural Point of View.

1. STAY FOCUSED UNTIL YOU ARE FINISHED.
2. STAY RESILIENT ABOUT RETIREMENT.
3. STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CALLING.
4. STAY VIGILANT AFTER YOUR VICTORIES.
5. STAY READY FOR REDEPLOYMENT.

This morning we are going to view a video outlining a plan that God may have for us that we might not have imagined. You may not know what is next in Life, but God does. May God Bless us and all men with the strength and energy to do what is needed to fulfill that plan. Amen.

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Holy Scripture

Psalm 71:18 – Would that God Continue His Mercy

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Colossians 4:17 – Complete the Mission

Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

Numbers 8:23-26 – God's Plan: Men Train the Following Generations

God spoke to Moses: "These are your instructions regarding the Levites: At the age of twenty-five they will join the workforce in the Tent of Meeting; at the age of fifty they must retire from the work. They can assist their brothers in the tasks in the Tent of Meeting, but they are not permitted to do the actual work themselves. These are the ground rules for the work of the Levites."

The Word of the Lord

Catechism

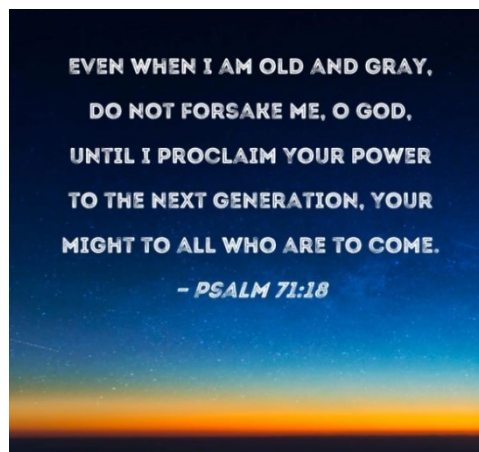
CCC 2426 – Career is the First Part of your Life; Your Calling is your Whole Life

The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. Economic activity, conducted according to its own proper methods, is to be exercised within the limits of the moral order, in keeping with social justice so as to correspond to God's plan for man.

CCC 2426 – Accomplish the Plan, Finish the Mission

Death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny. When "the single course of our earthly life" is completed, we shall not return to other earthly lives: "It is appointed for men to die once."

There is no "reincarnation" after death.



Modern Comment

FINISH WELL IN LIFE - Retirement is God's way to free you up for Further Service

As I watched this month's video, it reminded me that the most important thing that I will ever do is to help my family, my church and my community achieve Heaven. What is the alternative?

It is important to remember that your Career is what you were Paid to do. Your Calling is what you are Made to do. For if we are not dead, then we are not done.

God clearly has a Plan for our lives. We are challenged to fulfill that plan. We are challenged to serve the Lord and pass along that service mission to those who follow in our footsteps.

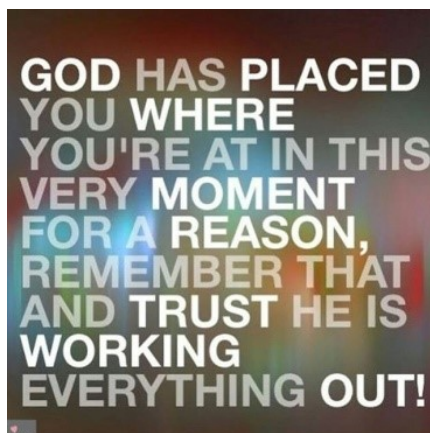
One of the best strategies to complete that mission is to make a commitment to increase our daily prayer life. I like to think of it as starting the day with a great thanksgiving for the Blessing that God our Father, King of the Universe, has given to each and every one of us. Thank him for the Mercy and the Restoration of our souls. His compassion is endless and great is His faithfulness. Thank you Father for the rest overnight that you have given us and for the breath that renews our body and spirit.

The prayer continues throughout the day. We Bless and consecrate each and every person that He puts into our paths. We must especially consecrate our family. We must keep our Word, Promises and Commitments made to others. In this way, we honor our Lord and give Him the sacrifices made, all the while he Blesses our way with the Oil of Salvation.

Important to note, that we can retire from our jobs and careers, but we can never retire from our Calling. As such, we must ask for forgiveness when appropriate. It is easy to make misjudgments that can lead to misunderstandings, misgivings, bruised feelings and even anger, breaking promises or displaying some other bad example.

As a Christian who has been reborn in Christ, God has claimed you for His own. He has a right to our life.

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.”
St. Pope John Paul II





1. How/What are you involved in spreading the Word of God in the Family, Church & Community?

2. What are you doing or planning to do for Retirement?

3. Just because you have raised your children to adulthood doesn't mean you are done. What is left to be done?

5/24/24

PLANNING MEETING ROOMS 2 & 3 @ 7:45 AM

6/8/24

MEN'S GROUP MASS @ 7:00 AM

6/21/24

PLANNING MEETING ROOMS 2 & 3 @ 7:45 AM

7/13/24

MEN'S GROUP MASS @ 7:00 AM

7/26/24

PLANNING MEETING ROOMS 2 & 3 @ 7:45 AM

NOTE: A Rosary starts in the Reservation Chapel immediately following the meeting.



A VERY POWERFUL PRAYER TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT DEFEAT THE WORK SATAN

O Divine Eternal Father, in union with your Divine Son and the Holy Spirit, and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg You to destroy the Power of your greatest enemy - the evil spirits, Satan's demons and Satan himself.

Cast them into the deepest recesses of Hell and chain them there forever! Take possession of your Kingdom which You have created and which is rightfully yours.

Heavenly Father, give us the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I repeat this prayer out of pure love for You with every beat of my heart and with every breath I take.

Amen.

And AMEN.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruination of souls. Amen.



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Bethlehem, Israel 2017

Forgiveness is a Gift that we give first to ourselves then to the other.

Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts.

Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love & serve one another.

It is not about us, it is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life.

Go to the Sacraments of Confession & Communion often.



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Give them your Joy, Peace and Mercy. Where there is doubt, release in them renewed confidence in the Holy Spirit. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

**You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.
Amen. And AMEN.**

