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Dear Friends,

I sense that you feel the same way I do. Some days I feel as if God gave me gifts from the top of the barrel, the next I think I got what was left over. God doesn’t say only build the Kingdom when you feel overflowing with gifts but also when you experience what seems to be a low point in your sense of being gifted.

There is no such thing as “take time out” or “you might burn out.” Build the Kingdom! God is the engineer and the architect who lays out the plan and we are the “laborers” whom God trusts. Keep at it!

Your gift is unique, my gift is unique. I need you, you need me. Unless we build together a kingdom of generosity and love, unless we have our feet sized to the sandals of Christ, we are outside of the Gospel mindset entrusted to us by Jesus.

What a gift it is to be called to build the kingdom on Earth, as it is realized in Heaven.

You know how you have used your gifts. I am not privy to reading your time card, your talent profile and certainly not what is on your financial balance sheet. So as you pray to the Holy Spirit, I’d like you to be open to God’s guidance as to how you may best respond to God’s generous love shown to you.

As one who serves among you, I ask you to bless me as I bless you.

May God bless you during these days of renewal.

Father John Barry
Pastor

Enclosures

God has generously given us everything. After reflecting on your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, please fill out and place your card in the mail or Offertory basket or fill out the Stewardship form on-line via AmericanMartyrs.org

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