

Conundrum: **DETACHMENT IS FOR EVERYBODY**

The word DETACHMENT does indeed have many negative connotations as has been observed by a number of you. This is indeed a very valid criticism and an astute observation.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary has the following description under the word DETACHMENT:

lack of emotion or personal interest

the act or process of separating something from a larger thing

a condition in which something has become separated from something else

All of the above would certainly make DETACHMENT a very negative experience. Let me assure you with complete confidence, that is not the kind of DETACHMENT we are speaking about. In fact, to put it clearly, we are talking about DETACHMENT as being the exact opposite of all those things. It is like the proverbial two-edged sword! There is a vice called DETACHMENT, but there is also a virtue called DETACHMENT.

I invite you to consider how different our world might be if we could truly understand this virtue in our world and then practice it! The need for the virtue of DETACHMENT in our world may have never been greater than it is in this present age. There is a long and rich history of DETACHMENT in the Christian experience. The first examples of it show up in the Christian Scriptures when Jesus takes the disciples aside, away from the crowds “to a quiet place.”

Jesus knew and understood full well that will all the noise, activity, and engagement in the world it is difficult to see the bigger picture. He saw the necessity of withdrawing to a quiet place, both for Himself and for His disciples. Such withdrawal has the ability to bring the larger picture into perspective. After the beginning of the Christian Era this became a very popular practice. There are multiple stories of communities of men and women moving out to the desert, or at least to a deserted place, in order to try and establish a quiet place.

It was written by the Psalmist, “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46)

In those early days, it appears that the virtue was held in great esteem by whole communities — later, it seemed to become the domain of the few. Perhaps that was due in major part to the formation of the communities of men and women religious with their very austere practices of penance, prayer and devotion.

As I look back over the very rich history of the virtue of Detachment in our Church, I am saddened by the fact that we have created a dichotomy that has not been addressed or resolved during these 2,000 years. We have created yet another “us” and “them” — the Church is full of conundrums!

Our history, in many phases, would support the fact that we like such experiences. Perhaps we can function better in a system of “us” and “them.” Sadly, when it comes to DETACHMENT the experience of “us” and “them” means we have short-changed somebody ——— Guess who? *(continued next week)*

— Fr. Gerry

DETACHMENT

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.....that's Faith!



When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she know you will catch her.....that's Trust!

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set our alarms to wake up.....that's Hope!



We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.....that's Confidence!

we see the world suffering, but we still get married and have children.....that's Love!



attitude

On an old man's shirt was written the sentence, "I am not 60 years old. I am sweet 16 with 44 years experience!"that's Attitude!

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July 10, 2016– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 11– JULY 17, 2016

7:30 am Monday: Bob Bansuch (RIP)

7:30 am Tuesday: Delores Mandina (RIP)

6:00 pm Wednesday: Ron Barry (RIP)

7:00 am Thursday: HE & Roselyn Pickett & Jon Pickett (RIP)

7:00 am Friday: Phil Howard (RIP)

5:30 pm Saturday: David Browman– special intentions

8:00 am Sunday: Sisters in Faith

10:30 am Sunday: U.S. Armed Forces

Adoration This Week:

Monday-Friday: 8am-Noon

Wednesday: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Maxine Miller

Chelsea Evans, granddaughter of Rodney & Jane Hipp

Cindy Capron, sister of Sharon Farner

Peyton Horton, Parker Madeo, and Tyler Price, friends of Hannah Borne

Jane Pilgrim, friend of Maxine Miller

REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Sandra Reichelt, sister of Ann Tolbert
Cole Kirby, friend of the Hannah Borne



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This Week

July 10th — Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 mass.

July 16th— Youth Canoe Trip for grades 7th-12th (2016-2017 school year)– See flyers in the back of church. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule. We need everyone to sign up or let Cory know in advance so that transportation arrangements can be scheduled.

July 16th— St Joseph Catholic School Booster Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run. To register go to: <https://raceroster.com/events/2016/9291/bruin-burn-5k>

July 30th— Altar Server Training from 9-11am. On site celebration after for those attending and current altar servers. Contact the church office **by this Friday, July 15th** if you plan to attend.

Weekly offering for July 3rd: \$18,811

Thank you



July 10th & 17th weekends

Women's Guild will be selling \$1 raffle tickets.

Buy a chance to win the parking space next to

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Saint Joseph Catholic School will host Summer Cheer Camp, July 18-22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$100. To register visit the Saint Joseph website at stjoebruins.com, select Athletics and Summer Camps 2016. For more information contact Emily Toulomelis at ebechtold@stjoebruins.com.

The Food Pantry Ministry needs your contributions of non-perishable food in unbreakable family size packages. The food collections go alternately to the Stewpot Food Pantry and the South Rankin Food Resource Center. The greatest need is for high-protein foods such as meat-based stews and soups, tuna fish, peanut butter, dried beans, etc. Rice and pasta, especially in boxed meals, are also suggested, as are healthy quick-food snacks for children such as boxed fruit juice, dried fruit, fruit or pudding cups, and crackers. Checks, money orders, cash, or gift cards can be used by the two food pantries to buy perishable food.

Catholic Diocese Job Announcement– Facilities manager needed to oversee and handle small repairs in Chancery office building and other nearby facilities. Working with parishes needing assistance with contract service providers. Assisting Diocesan personnel with building projects and ongoing maintenance projects. Submit resume no later than July 15th. Email cathy.pendleton@jacksondioceses.org for more info.



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