

Living A Rule of Life: Through Hospitality

Hospitality is making room for another person.

- Treating others as Jesus would: Latin meaning guest: Matthew 25:35
- Benedictine Hospitality: acknowledging the Christ in others
- Conversion of life: Open to see what God is doing in others
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Three Keys to Hospitality

Welcome: Acknowledgement, Honor, Show them Jesus

The Job of Porter: (Example) Mary and Martha

- Available, Attentive, Accepting. Accelerating
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What does it mean to be Available?

- Everyone is a part of the body: Identify and Respect. Romans 12:10
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What does it mean to be Attentive?

- Create an atmosphere of welcome and curiosity
- Show people that you have room in you for them.

What does it mean to be Accepting?

- Understand Social Cues: Boundaries
- Know your own limitations and respect those of others

How can we effect the trajectory of someone's life?

- Look for ways to send people with blessing and purpose
- Speak prophetically into each person.
- Hospitality is Love's expression: It is a gift of presence

Hospitality in a Distracted World

- Turn off the distractions: TV, Phone, People, Children
- Value, Purpose, Need and Gifting
- Compassion: Recognizing that needs and perspectives are different

Things to watch for in Hospitality:

- Annoyance
- Call to Forgiveness
- Zeal: A Love that Energizes... Find theirs and celebrate it
- Action over complacency

Hospitality as way of living out our Baptismal Covenant

“Will you seek to serve Christ in all persons Loving your Neighbor as yourself?”

“Will you proclaim by word and example the good news fo God in Christ?”

“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect every human being?”

Tools to Praying Living out Hospitality:

- **Ask these questions:**
 - Where are you practicing Hospitality now?
 - How can you start practicing Hospitality?
 - How can you use prayer as a practice or hospitality?
 - How is God prompting you to have room for others?
 - What five things can I do to shift my heart toward hospitality?
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- **Use the Prayer of St. Francis as a guide to Hospitality:**
 - Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

- **Be Present To Others**
 - Find time to purposefully be present to others
 - Turn off the distractions
 - Ask God to reveal the Value/Christ in others
 - Create an atmosphere of welcome.
- **Remember the 4 A's of Hospitality**
 - **Available:** Let people be your first priority. Open your heart to them even in the interruptions
 - **Attentive:** Be present and listen. Search for their need and respond.
 - **Accepting:** Create an atmosphere of welcome. Be curious about what people have as gifts, experiences or connections. Love them with your whole heart.
 - **Accelerating:** Look for ways to end your hospitality well. Send people off with purpose, blessing and resources.