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Ordinary Time

Today, we begin the season of Ordinary Time. Like life itself, the church year is dominated by the ordinary. There are thirty-four weeks of ordinary time each year in the church calendar.

In the gospels, Jesus does some extraordinary things. He feeds 5000 people with seven loaves and two fish. He goes out in a boat to preach to a huge crowd on the shore. He quiets violent seas, and He dies on the cross for us. However, much of his ministry is personal: one on one. Bartimaeus is a blind man whom Jesus heals. The Samaritan woman is out for water for the day, and she encounters Christ who changes her life. The examples can go on and on. It is the power of one person. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was once asked how she could minister in the face of overwhelming poverty. Her response was: "I do not see poverty. I only see the person in front of me and how I can address that person's needs."

As we enter this year's ordinary time, I ask us to consider the power we have as individuals. Each person and each moment of the day calls upon us to give our very best. We may think of ourselves as just one person, but let us not underestimate the power we have to be God's presence at each moment and with each encounter. We are called to be Jesus' compassion, mercy, welcome and generous love on a daily basis. There is nothing ordinary about that.

Live Jesus!

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