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I was born on January 4, 1961. So today is my 61st birthday. 61 and 61. I love when connections or chance moments like that are obvious to me, but I didn't realize this one right away. Sometimes people call these moments serendipitous, chance, coincidences, or connections. I think many of them can also be called graced moments.

Jesus' life teaches us that God so frequently works through the ordinary moments of daily life and through the connections we make with people on any given day. Jesus and his disciples frequently travel in the gospels, and on that journey, Jesus takes advantage of each opportunity to encounter the people along the way who would like to meet him.

In our lives, I hope that we can bring the same intentionality to the daily encounters that we have. It may seem like chance or a coincidence that we meet people at certain moments in their lives. I think another way to address those moments is to think of them as God's call to us to see how we can be God's loving presence to the people who come into our daily lives. He calls on us, whether in a simple or more profound manner, to always be open to the ways in which each encounter can make a difference in our lives and the life of that person at that moment.

An encounter with Jesus left people changed: some felt heard; others were healed; many felt accepted, maybe for the first time. Others felt confused, disappointed, or even angry. He did not live up to their expectations.

In the Salesian tradition, we are called to embrace the ordinary and to be ourselves thoroughly well each moment. That is the grace that can change our lives and others.

Live Jesus!

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