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Coincidence or Grace

How do we evaluate those unexpected, unplanned for moments? It might be an unscheduled sighting of a friend or acquaintance on the street or at an event. I believe those moments may be categorized as coincidences. However, I find myself with moments that I believe are marked by grace. I have a fleeting thought of a friend I have not contacted for months or years. I ask myself, "I wonder how a parishioner is doing who has gone through a difficult period and I have not reached out for some time?" I think that I should call someone or send a card or an email or a text. I do not believe that these moments are coincidences but moments of grace. St. Francis de Sales tells us that the role of the Holy Spirit is to keep us in love, and I believe that these reminders, urgings and promptings are the Spirit's invitation to us to reach out in love. A phone call or card can make someone's day that much brighter because of our decision to show our love and care. There is nothing small in the service of God. Let us take advantage of these ordinary inspirations that call us to make a difference in the lives of others. The greatest and most important gift we have to offer is simply the gift of ourselves.

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