



Fr. Matt's Musings

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The following reflection was written on October 11, 2014 during my time in Camden. I hope it will help you to reflect on some of the most significant moments and experiences of change in your life. (I must add coming to OLGCA as one of the most significant and positive changes in my Oblate life.)

God the Pilot

There are events that change our lives. For me, many have changed me for the better: joining the Oblates, teaching, my ordination, my travels to new places, becoming an uncle and coming to Camden, to name just a few. Others have been more difficult but have also changed me. The most recent, major change is the death of my mom, and I mention that because she died ten months ago today.

With each change, I realize that the world becomes a different place. Travel shows me how many different ways there are to look at life and our world. Teaching has shown me how much more I have to learn. My niece and nephews give me hope for the future of our world and the enthusiasm and promise that lies within our youth. Yet, it is the death of my mom that has been the most unsettling moment. My dad died twelve years ago and my mom ten months ago. My experience is that the world is a different place with the absence of the two people most responsible for my presence here. Her absence renews my knowledge that God is in control and my call to have trust, confidence and faith in God's assurance that He will be with us all of our days and make all crooked paths straight.

Several years ago, I saw a bumper sticker that read, "If God is your co-pilot, change places." In all of those unsettling, painful, challenging and disturbing moments that can cause us to be off balance in our journey through life, Jesus' promise is to be with us in all of these moments even as he experienced his own loneliness and feelings of being forsaken on the cross. May we have the courage to allow God to be our pilot and the strength to be God's presence to those who need us to accompany them on our common journey to our loving God.

Live Jesus!

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