



Fr. Matt's Musings

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Bloom where you are planted! (de Sales)

I am the middle child of five; I have two older brothers and two younger sisters. I am not the traditional middle child because my brothers are a year apart and then I was born four years later, and I am three and four years older than my sisters. Growing up it was always, "the boys, the girls and Matt." As the youngest boy, I wanted to do what my brothers were doing and did not understand why I was not able to go with them or do what they did at times. I said that I wished that I was older. My mom used to tell me, "Be careful, you do not want to wish your life away." It is good advice.

How often does it seem like someone has a better life, fewer problems, more fun? The lottery entices many with the dream or fantasy that a happy life and one of ease is just around the corner. St Francis' statement at the beginning of this musing is the charge to each of us to embrace and live fully this one and only life that God has given us. In the

Introduction to the Devout Life, he writes: "What is the use of building castles in Spain when one has to live in France?"

Life does not start when one is able to drive or to vote or to be on one's own or when one is married. Life starts when, in gratitude, one lives this life, this day, this moment God has given. Let us not wish our lives away or compare ourselves to others. I try to return to the two "g"s to bring myself to this moment and the importance of simply being Matt. 1) Gratitude - Thank God for all the many gifts I have, including the gift of this life and this moment, and 2) Generosity - In imitation of Christ, we find ourselves most fully when we choose to give ourselves in loving service to others.

Live Jesus!

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