

Change a life

To live is to change and to be perfect
is to have changed often.

Blessed John Henry Newman

Isn't it strange that people have to change in order to stay the same. So, for example, people who ran stagecoaches with horses had to change to motor coaches with engines if they wanted to stay in the transport business. Of course, they could have kept with the stagecoaches but then they would soon find themselves in the leisure business and no longer a serious transport provider.

Human beings are the same. Being a disciple who follows Christ involves continuous development. Childhood prayers must evolve into adult prayer, an easy going friendship may lead to marriage, a person working at a simple task could aspire to the demanding responsibilities of leadership. If prayer, relationships and work never change over a lifetime then the person will no longer be as fully alive as God intends Christian disciples to be.

That's why Blessed John Henry Newman's insight is so important: 'to live is to change.' Those called to consecrated life and priesthood live this out in a special way: a divine disruption takes their lives in unimagined directions. In turn, their changed lives influence others and help many people make the changes necessary to growing in faith, in relationships and in responsibility.

The apostles are the most startling example of divinely disrupted lives. 'Follow me,' said Jesus, and they left their fishing nets and went, so that untold numbers of people might hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today we pray especially that those God is calling may allow the divine disruption into their lives so that they might become the disciples Christ intends them to be as priests and religious.

For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfil our own destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be.

Thomas Merton

You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you. You will know. You will know when it's right.

Dorothy Day

When you get your, 'Who am I?' question right, all of your, 'What should I do?' questions tend to take care of themselves.

Richard Rohr

In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!

St. Catherine of Sienna