

Connections from Janis.



I Made a Connection...What About You?

The best moments in my ministry as your Youth Minister is when I'm having a random light-hearted conversation and a "*Divine Pause*", enters the mix, and what follows is *Divine Connections*.

This happens Every Thursday afternoon from 4:30-5:30pm I have a **ZOOM PLUNGE Leadership Planning Meeting** with Lucy Blackmore, Anthony Witt, and Katherine Skumatz.

During a recent ZOOM meeting, we were naming all the "*voices*" in our culture that compete for our attention. We agreed that we are always in a position to choose one "voice" over another. *Pause!*

I continued, "You know the words of Jesus in John 10: 26-18! "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me...no one can snatch them out of my hand."
Pause!

I continued, "Did you know that there can be numerous different flocks co-mingling at a watering hole and when one of the shepherds speaks a word, a single word, the sheep of his/her particular flock will automatically

regroup and follow that particular voice, because it's their shepherd. *Pause!*

I continued, "Now, do you remember your first Holy Communion at SJOA or SCA? Do you remember chasing Father Mike around the church while the choir sang a song? *Pause!*

And, a crescendo of quiet excitement erupted among Lucy, Katherine and Anthony, "That's why we chased Father Mike around the church. That's why our parishes continue this tradition. It is to remember to listen to the voice of Jesus because *He NEVER stops calling us to remain with him in His care as our Shepherd.*"

Have a great 4th of July weekend and remember to *Pause*. There are *divine connections* everywhere, don't miss them!

PEACE-
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