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IT'S HARD TO HATE PEOPLE ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW THEM

Fr. Gene Schroeder

PRESIDENT—ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

I grew up in a modest home, shared a bedroom with my brother, shared the single bathroom with the other five people in our family and pretty much lived in the same space as everyone else. The amazing thing is that I also felt very much alone and unconnected. Interestingly enough, as I have gotten older, I discovered it was an experience echoed by my brother and sister. From a very early age, I came to believe that I was pretty much on my own, that there was no one to turn to. My parents, who loved us in all the ways they were able to, would be saddened to learn this. But, the truth is, feeling pretty much on their own with no one to turn to, was their experience as well. Of course, we never talked about any of this, especially as we were growing up. Who are you going to tell and how would you find the words to describe what you are experiencing?

What I have come to understand is that this sense of feeling alone and not belonging is shared by many other people. In fact, deep within each us, is a strong need to belong. We are hard-wired to want and to need to belong. But learning how to belong requires work. At the heart of belonging is a deeply held belief that we are connected by something greater than us and this “greater than us” is rooted in compassion.

Isn't that what Jesus has been telling us in the gospel? “Remember this, it was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you. And I chose you to bring life to the world. You will do this when you learn to love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:16)

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COME JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 3, 2019
2:00 PM in the
Mausoleum Chapel



BURIAL OPTIONS AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

St. Joseph Cemetery has been serving the Catholic community of Evansville since 1837. We offer a wide variety of burial options both interments (in ground burials) and entombments in our mausoleum.

IN GROUND BURIALS

SINGLE LOT-- \$1,200 DOUBLE LOT--\$2,600

We also offer the opportunity to purchase a **MULTI-GRAVE LOTS**.
Check with the cemetery office for specific details and prices

MAUSOLEUM CRYPT BURIALS

SINGLE CRYPT

Costs range from \$3,700 --\$4,600 depending upon what level they are and whether the crypt is inside the mausoleum or on the outside of the mausoleum

COMPANION CRYPTS

Costs range from \$5,700--\$7,200 depending upon what level and whether they are inside the mausoleum on on the outside of the mausoleum

CREMAINS BURIALS

For those people who are choosing the option of cremation, we now offer the option of being buried in the same niche or in the same grave plot. A new section in our mausoleum has been renovated to allow for companion niches. The cost for a single burial space in our mausoleum is \$1200-\$1500 depending on whether the space is on the inside or the outside of the mausoleum. We also have burial spaces for couples and the price of these spaces range from \$2,100--\$2,600 depending upon which level is chosen.

In addition, a special section has been set aside on the cemetery grounds, just west of the mausoleum for couples to purchase a grave plot for companion burials. These plots are smaller than a full size grave plot but still allow for people to purchase a grave monument on which to inscribe the names of both people being buried in this plot. The cost for an in ground burial lot for cremains is \$550. The cost for a double lot is \$1,300.

OPENING AND CLOSING COSTS

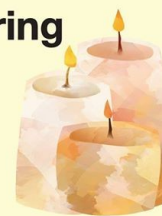
With all burials there is an additional charge for opening and closing the graves and mausoleum crypt spaces. These costs for outside burials is \$1000 and for mausoleum burials is \$900

FINANCING OF BURIAL LOTS AND CRYPTS

St. Joseph Cemetery allows people to make payments over time with NO INTEREST charges. GRAVES--20% down and 20 payments CRYPTS: 20% down and 24 payments

(Prices good through December 31, 2019)

Remembering Our Loved Ones



The souls of the faithful departed was a term I heard growing up in church. I didn't really understand it at the time and so it had little significance for me. As I have gotten older, and because I have been a priest and had the privilege to walk with so many people at the time of death, this term has come to mean more to me.

Life and death are part of the same continuum. So now I think about "the souls of the faithful departed," as part of a great big cheering section for us. These are the people who have loved us in this life and continue to love us, even though they are no longer physically present to us. They continue to care for us. They are concerned about all the things that happen to us now in our lives. They rejoice in the good things that happen to us, they suffer with us at the painful events in our life, they stand with us in times of difficulty and discouragement. They are not indifferent to what is happening in our lives. And they "cheer us on" because they want the very best for us.

One of the things that brings us comfort when we our loved ones have died, is knowing that all the love we had for them goes with them into eternity and all they love they had for us continues to live in our hearts and minds. I think this is why, in our Catholic tradition, we have made such a big deal about remembering the dead and praying for them. When we remember them and think about all the things that were a part of the lives we shared with them, they continue to live in us. In the midst of our grieving, this can be a great comfort for us.

Fr. Gene Schroeder

'TIS A FEARFUL THING

'Tis a fearful thing
to love what death can touch.
A fearful thing
to love, to hope, to dream,
to be -to be,
And oh, to lose.
A thing for fools, this,
And a holy thing,
a holy thing to love.
For your life has lived in me,
your laugh once lifted me,
your word was gift to me.
To remember this brings painful joy.
'Tis a human thing, love,
a holy thing, to love
what death has touched."

Judah Halevi

REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNING

Remembering St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in your will is one of the ways you can ensure that our cemetery will continue to be a well maintained and holy resting place for your loved ones. There are many ways you can remember St. Joseph Cemetery in your financial planning--through an outright gift of money, through the sale of stocks and bonds or through the gift of property. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about all these opportunities.



People Are Hard to Hate (cont. from page 5)

Brené Brown says “when you are really struggling with someone, and it’s some one you’re supposed to hate because of ideology or belief, move in. Get curious. Get closer. Ask questions. How am I connected to you in a way that is bigger and more primal than our politics? Now this does not mean that we have to tolerate abuse from another person. It is not about being curious and having an open dialogue with someone whose politics insists on diminishing my humanity.”

At the risk of being vulnerable, here’s a thought. You have no doubt seen the yard signs that say “Stand at the Flag, Kneel at the Cross.” They started cropping up in response to some professional athletes who “took a knee” at the playing of the national anthem before football games. Now there is nothing wrong with being sensitive and respectful towards symbols that have a great deal of meaning for people. That is a great act of compassion. But what would happen, if, in this situation, instead of putting up a yard sign, we would instead ask the question—What do I have in common with this person who disagrees with me? What would lead this person to see the world differently than I do? What is it like to see the world from his/her point of view?

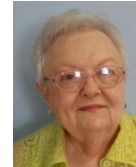
But this means facing the fear and uncertainty that are so much a part of our culture today. And because we are fearful, it’s much easier for us to cause pain than it is for us to feel our own pain. It takes courage to allow yourself to feel pain. It’s not a comfortable option. The other thing, is that we reward outrage in today’s world. Our social media outlets allow us to post things on facebook and twitter that we would not begin to say face to face. And we encourage people to “like” what we say. We don’t create spaces where it would be actually trustworthy or reasonable to invite people to show their fear and their pain. That’s being vulnerable.

But when we have the courage to move in closer with people, when we have the courage to be vulnerable with someone we disagree with, then we are bridging the gap between people. We do this almost without thinking when a natural disaster happens. Look what happens when a hurricane hits, or fire destroys property. People move in and help out without asking anything about what they believe. It’s what the young Dorothy Day experienced as a young girl during the great earthquake in San Francisco in 1906.

She’s eight years old, watching people coming over in boats from Oakland. And she — as a child, she sees that everybody around her, all these adults, know how to take care of total strangers. They knew how to do this all along. And then her question was, why can’t we live this way all the time? Well the truth is, we can be that way. The question for us is: do we have the courage to actually do this?

**EVERYTHING YOU
WANT IS ON THE
OTHER SIDE OF
FEAR**
- JACK CANFIELD

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU

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Our cemetery office is open daily to serve you (Monday–Friday) from 7:30 am –3:30 pm and Saturday from 7:30 am–Noon. 812-423-1356

Visit us also on our website www.stjoecemetery.org There you will find information about burial options, prices, frequently asked questions and a history of our cemetery

CREMATION BURIAL PLOTS AND NICHES NOW AVAILABLE FOR COUPLES

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CEMETERY NEWS AND NOTES

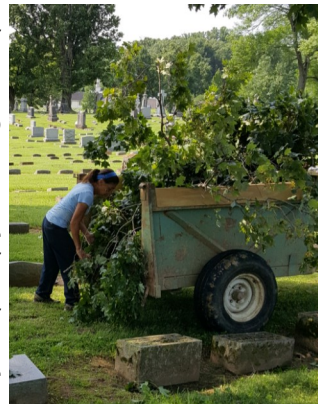
It's been another busy year maintaining our cemetery grounds. Our cemetery employees pride themselves on keeping the cemetery grass mowed and trimmed. That's not an easy task considering that we are mowing over 70 acres of grass and trimming around over 15,000 tombstones. Once again this year we had a lot of rain during May, June and July. This, combined with the hot weather made for perfect weather for grass to grow and grow. Our cemetery crew worked extra hard to keep things mowed and trimmed.



This year we replaced the tile roof on our cemetery office. The last roof that was put on this building was over 100 years ago. We've been noticing some leaks in the office ceiling.

Anyone who has tried to find the source of roof leaks knows how difficult this task can be. We considered just patching the roof, but we didn't think this was the best long term solution so we opted for putting a new roof on the building. If this roof does as well as the last roof, we should be set for the next 100 years!

One of our other tasks is caring for all the trees that dot the 120 acres of our cemetery. Of course we'd like our trees to last forever, but we are finding that many of the different species of trees that grow in our cemetery have a limited lifespan. So this year, as in past years we have had to cut down trees in order to prevent them from doing damage to tombstones. We've also had to cut down trees who have lost limbs due to storm damage. Over the years we have tried to plant new trees to take the place of those that have been cut down.



Given the age of our cemetery, we are also continually replacing sections of the clay tile storm drains that were installed many years ago. Once again this year we have replaced another section of this tile with new PVC drainage lines.

In addition to these ordinary tasks, there are also the ongoing tasks of keeping our lawn mowing equipment in good repair, digging graves and digging foundations for tombstones that keep our cemetery staff busy. We are blessed with faithful employees who are very good at what they do. At the same time we are always looking for new folks to join our mowing crews in the summer months. If you would like to be a part of our mowing crews, or know of someone who is look for extra work in the spring and summer months, let us know (812-423-1356)



People Are Hard to Hate (cont. from page 1)

Now learning "how" to belong requires work. Brené Brown is a sociologist who has done a lot of work with corporations, the military and many professional athletes. Her focus is trying to understand how people get connected and stay connected with one another. In other words, how do we learn to belong. She describes this work as being able to have "strong backs, soft fronts, and wild hearts." If we want to belong, that's going to take the courage of "strong backs," to actually reach out to those who might be different from us. It also requires the vulnerability of "soft fronts," which is a willingness to be vulnerable towards others especially those who may think differently than us.

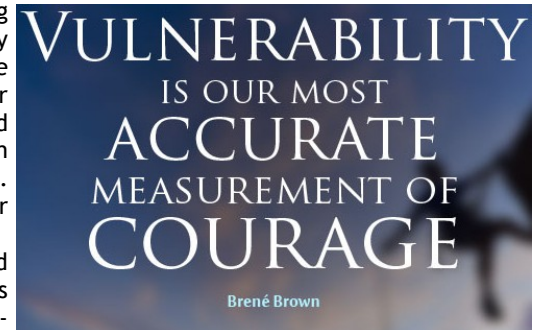


And finally it requires a "wild heart" that knows when it is safe to be vulnerable. That requires being able to be brave and courageous while at the same time feeling scared and fearful. I think this is what Jesus was talking about when he sent his disciples out with the instructions to be "as cunning as wolves and as gentle as lambs." You have to learn how to be brave and courageous and fearful and scared all at the same time.

One of our great difficulties is that our strong need to belong will often lead us to be what we think others want us to be. We often sacrifice who we are in the hopes of gaining a feeling of belonging. But, in order for us gain a true sense of belonging, we have to be willing to stand up for who we are even if that is different from the way other people are. It means having the courage to be who I am rather than who people want me to be or at least what I think people want me to be.

It's a great paradox. Our level of true belonging is never greater than our willingness to be brave enough to stand by ourselves. More and more in our culture, we tend to associate only with those people who agree with us politically or religiously. We don't hang out with people we don't agree with. It's safe in our little group. The irony is that at a time when we hang out with just our group, people talk more and more about feeling lonely. And often times the only thing we have in common with the other people in our group is our common dislike and even hatred for those who are different from us or who don't agree with us. This kind of belonging will never feed our soul's deepest need.

One of the first steps toward gaining a sense of true belonging is to have the courage to be vulnerable with someone that we may not agree with. People are hard to hate close up, so lean in to people. What a concept! Does it sound familiar? "Lord make me an instrument of your peace....let me seek to understand more than to be understood." That's what Francis of Assisi told his followers.



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