

Holy Cross Retreat

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Letter 221



WHEN THE CAT IS AWAY, THE MICE WILL PLAY

Can anyone tell me the origin of the phrase "When the cat is away the mice will play"? I found some information below which may be accurate.

When someone in charge is away, subordinates will take advantage of it. The proverb is similar to the Latin: *Dum felis dormit, mus gaudet et exsultantro* ('When the cat falls asleep, the mouse rejoices and leaps from the hole') and to the early fourteenth century French: *Ou chat na rat regne* ('Where there is no cat, the rat is king'). The proverb has been traced back in English to about 1470, and was used by Shakespeare in 'Henry the Fifth,' in 1599. (Source: The Phrase Finder, UK. And Grammarist.com).

Brian is away and I wish I could report that the mice are playing. That's not been the case at Holy Cross. I imagine it is because this saying does not apply to our situation. When the cat is away, the mice will play, but what if the cat usually lets the mice play? What if the mice are free to play anytime even when the cat is around or in our case, especially when the cat is around?

Brian works hard as many of you know so well. He works behind the scenes more than we will ever realise. He does not become angry with anyone who seems lazy like some of us sometimes are. He has always been and continues to be faithful to our well-being, sometimes very, very selflessly to the cost of his well-being. We honour his courageous care and we feel inspired by that. We equally feel inspired by his decision to take the time he needs to refill the tank.



In his absence, we are inspired to keep the work going, perhaps not in the same manner or with the same 'hard work' ethic Brian has. But it is to his credit that we feel inspired to follow his lead. I think we feel this way because Brian does not do any of this for any praise, but purely for the Glory of our Creator who makes us all one.

Consequently, I know I won't do enough justice with the newsletter, but I and many helpers will do our very best to keep us connected through the weekly newsletter. I will need your help. Because I do not have enough news like Brian usually does, if you have some happy family news, please send it to me with a photo if possible. I don't promise to include everything but we can

work through that together. We normally receive a lot of sad news which needs to continue. Some happy news may help us share joys as we already do with sorrows - as one Holy Cross family.

These next few weeks are a good chance to appreciate and miss what we have been lucky to be gaining from Brian's weekly news. Amen 😊

St Gabriele's Pasta lunch



May 4th

Bring your friends.

Please contact Bruno on 0419 503300 to book a table.

\$35 per head. BYOW

Negotiated peace better than endless war: Pope

CathNews (24, April 2024)



*In an interview with US broadcaster CBS, Pope Francis has called for an end to the wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and around the world and urged world leaders to negotiate peace.
Source: Vatican News.*

Referring in particular to the wars in Ukraine, in Gaza and others that continue to ravage the world, Pope Francis said, " Please, countries at war, all of them ... Stop the war. Look to negotiate. Look for peace. A negotiated peace is better than a war without end."



The Pope was speaking during an interview granted to the US radio-television broadcaster CBS, on Wednesday afternoon at Casa Santa Marta.

Some excerpts from the hour-long interview conducted by Norah O'Donnell, director of CBS Evening News, were broadcast shortly after. An extended version of the conversation will be aired on Sunday, May 19, on the eve of World Children's Day, which will take place in Rome on May 25 and 26.



Asked about the consequences for children of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis replied: "Those children don't know how to smile ... And this is very hard when a child forgets to smile. That's really very serious. Very serious."

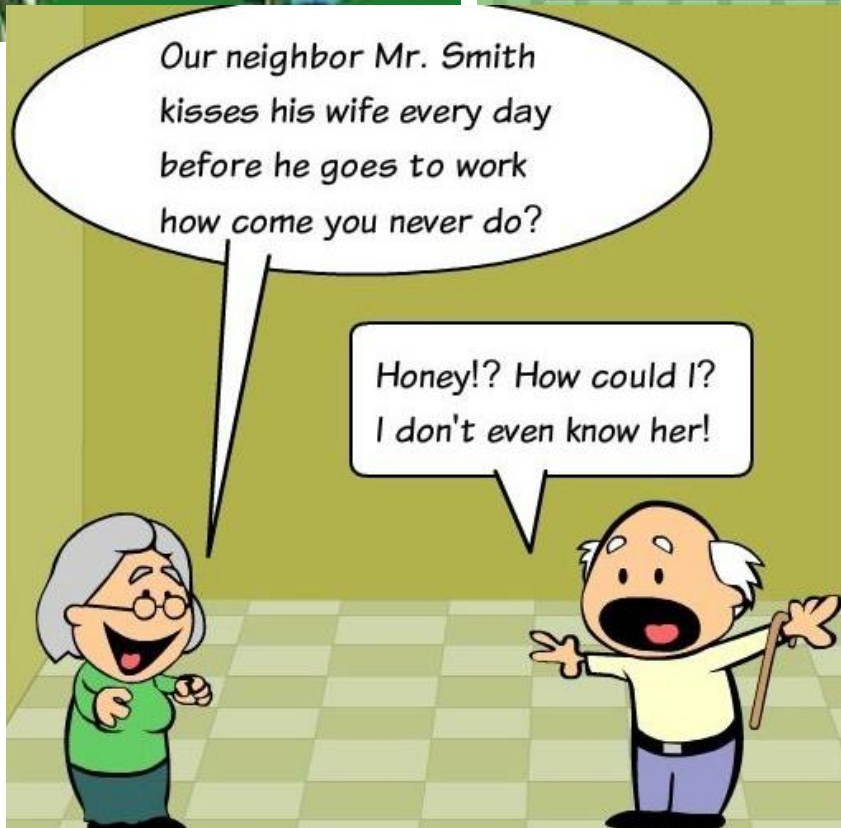


Pope Francis also spoke about climate change, which "exists".

To a question about his health, he replied with a smile: "I'm fine."

And reiterating that there is room for everyone in the Church he said: "I would say that there is always a place, always. If in this parish the priest doesn't seem welcoming, I understand, but go and look, there is always a place. Do not run away from the Church. The Church is very big. It's more than a temple. ... You shouldn't run away from her."







Pastor Johnson is a gifted speaker reaching each member of his congregation in a way that made you feel each sermon was just for you.

A Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear God,

Please give me the strength
to endure this situation,
and to find the blessings
and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance
to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts,
words and actions,
so that I walk your
path of peace and love.

Amen



We remember those celebrating memories of loved ones, especially

[Antonio \(Tony\) Zandegu](#) - 3rd May

[Quentin Dorrat](#) - 6th May

[Sylvia McHugh](#) - 6th May

[Angelina Petrocco](#) - 8th May

[Ted Hallam](#) - 10th May

[Rose Zammit](#) - 11th May

We remember all others in our Holy Cross family who are unwell, especially.



Ann Burke, Margaret Enriquez, Maree Bartoli, Tony Tome, Carol Battistella, Peter Barns, John & Maeve Reardon, Pam Storey, Gerry Bond

Peter McNamara, Alexander Lim, Peter & Bernadette Owen, Michael O'Callaghan, Shirley Barnes, Bronwyn Burke, Helen McLean, Phil Drew, Monique Hardinge, Mary Hackett,

Pam Gartland, Greg Agosta, Patricia Keeghan, Anne Jenkins, Errol Lovett, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Mary Dunn, Chris O'Toole, Gerald Quinn CP, and baby Alfred Theodore in London.

The **Mass link** for this Sunday will be sent on Saturday by Chris.

Erick