



Pastor's Message

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The other day I received a phone call from a relative. She is confined to a wheelchair. That has been the case for quite a long while, due to her physical disability.

As the conversation was ending, she said to me, “Marc, just checking on you... if you need anything, just let me know, call me!”

After we ended our conversation, I thought about that closing statement. What a confident, can-do attitude! She spends all day and every day in her wheel chair, yet this beautiful person offered to help me “if I need anything!”

Hope versus despair. The former energizes the person with positivity; the latter causes a person to be riddled with negativity. Despair doesn't seem to be afflicting her. Rather, there is hope in that woman's attitude for living.

Please, embrace hope and discard despair. Certainly, it is easier for a person to advise another to be hopeful, than for a person to actually escape from a mindset of despair. The “escape” requires making deliberate decisions throughout the day to leave the place of being psychologically unhealthy. Otherwise, hopeless will be everything he/she encounters.

So, in this message I extend my sincere thanks to my relative. Even though she may have a physical disability, certainly she is far from being hindered from living with optimism and sureness.

God bless her!

Peace,
Fr. Marc