



Pastor's Message

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If you drove on Totowa Avenue, toward the city of Paterson, as you pass the park, but just prior to arriving to its entrance near the tennis courts, often you'll see a hot dog wagon parked on the street. Over and over again, year after year, I wanted to stop my car and go to the hot dog wagon. But, I did not!

I wanted to stop my car and go to the hot dog wagon for three reasons. First, obviously to purchase a hot dog with mustard and sauerkraut! Secondly, I grew up as a friend with the person who owns the hot dog wagon! We have not seen each other since we were teenagers. Finally, since I don't believe he knew I became a priest, I want to give him one of the greatest shocks of his life!

Well, a few days ago, I actually stopped!

What occurred? First, the hot dog with mustard and sauerkraut was delicious! (I should have had two) Second, to my utter amazement, my old friend did recognize me. (I always believed and have been telling everyone for years, I absolutely look the same as I did in 1978)! And, at the end, he said something to me which may remain in my mind for the rest of my life, especially whenever I eat a hot dog, at another hot dog wagon. He said, "Marc thanks for stopping by, stay safe...you made my day!"

Moral of the story: "God will supply us with the opportunity to make someone's day, but it's up to us to do something with it."

Therefore, if you have not done so for too long of a time, don't keep delaying like I did from stopping to see someone you have not seen for a long while. You may be losing out on a visitation meant to be part of God's will to bring happiness and blessings in your life and, most especially, to the other person!

God bless you.

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