



# Pastor's Message

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Sometimes we do not clearly understand who is in front of us. It happened the other day, not to me, but someone directly in front of me, in the local food store.

As I was shopping, a woman asked me, “So, what do you do for a living?” I looked down at myself. I believed I outfitted for the day, in the clothing I normally do. Then, I replied, “I am a priest for a living.” Her response, “Oh, I thought so, but I wasn’t sure...you know... even though you’re dressed that way.”

She had not clearly understood who was in front of her. We both laughed. It was no big deal. It was just an inconsequential oversight on her part. In my lifetime I have had my share of them too.

However, unlike the inconsequential oversight of my friend in the store, you don’t want to miss the person who is clearly standing in front of you, sent by the Lord to you, so you can help him/her. Those are holy encounters we do not want to overlook whatsoever! Your path may cross that person’s. And, it may be your singular opportunity to do something for him/her!

The Italian word for “alert” is *all’erta*. It is translated “to the watchtower.” So, spiritually, be in “the watchtower” for his/her arrival in your presence, especially when you are outside of your home. Be alert to whether or not the Lord has indeed sent someone to you, so you can provide help to that person.

After all, if you are a Christian, then that is what YOU are meant to do for a living!

Peace,  
Fr. Marc