



Pastor's Message

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A common misnomer for the claim a person is “selfish” is he/she unendingly and forcefully pursues just his/her wants. However, I posit it is more precise to state a “selfish” person is an individual woefully neglectful of the welfare of someone else, even after being aware of that person’s dire need.

Here is a true story about selfishness at its extreme worse. The man’s wife had a debilitating disease. She was confined to a wheel chair. And, she had to be hoisted in and out of her bed every day. The woman could neither bathe nor feed herself. Well, after several years, her husband decided to escort her to the local nursing home to be her permanent residence. The husband did so because, as he stated, “Now is the time for me...I am tired of taking care of her for years!”

Was it selfishness? Absolutely, it was. Utterly neglectful of the welfare of his wife, was the husband. Shameless was his statement in regard to what he self-interestedly wanted for himself. Did that husband believe his “time for me” superseded his marriage vows?

Let’s say two simple prayers before the conclusion of today. First, that neither you, nor I, fall into the temptation of being neglectful of the welfare of someone else, after becoming aware of that person’s dire need. Second, although it could be very demanding, may we be as selfless as the Lord seems to want for us in regard to him/her now.

Peace,
Fr. Marc