

I just finished a book titled *The Faiths of the Founding Fathers* by David L. Holmes. I loved it! However, before buying the book keep in mind I'm a bonafide history and religion nerd. The epilogue of the book touched on the faith of a handful of our modern presidents. I found these two quotes regarding President Reagan and President Clinton very thought provoking. They are each from people who observed them on a day to day basis. I'm not taking a political position. I'm simply asking you to think if your daily actions and political positions accurately reflect our Catholic Faith. For the record, religious principles should inform political judgments but not vice versa. Can you go before the Lord on Judgment Day and say I lived out Matthew 5 (The Sermon on the Mount) and Matthew 25 (What you did to the least of My brethren you did to Me)? How consistent do you live your life? I'm still thinking about my answer.



*A Washington Observer on President Reagan...*

"If you were down on your luck, and you got past the Secret Service into his office [and said] "Mr. President, I'm down on my luck." he'd give you the shirt off his back. And then, in his undershirt, he'd sit down at his desk and he'd sign legislation...throw kids off the school lunch program, other people off welfare, all in the name of fiscal responsibility, as he sat there shivering because he'd given you his shirt. He had a good heart...but when it came to his ideology, his philosophy...[was] "off with their heads." "

*A long-time political associate about President Clinton...*

"The Sunday-morning President Clinton is ... pious, optimistic, brilliant, principled, sincere, good-willed, empathetic, intellectual, learned, and caring...But the Saturday-night Bill who cohabits within him is...willful, demanding, hedonistic, risk-taking, sybaritic, headstrong, unfeeling, callous, unprincipled, and undisciplined...Each side of Clinton seems unaware of the other. This division of Clinton's personality makes him hard to comprehend."