



For four decades of lessons.

This past Saturday, post-consult with God, I gave notice at church that this shall be my last school year teaching Catechism. I felt it was time to pass the torch. My decision, although not an easy one, was guilt-free. A sure sign that it was the right one.

I could have not stuck it out all these years without the understanding of my home team. Ray, Lauren, and Danny, I am most grateful to you, not only for being so accepting of my commitment, but for volunteering your time as well. It's been a family labor of love for sure.

I am also grateful to our CCD Director, Leyla Mazpule, and to our parish pastor, Father Lopez, for allowing me to share my faith with the kids, and for their continued support during my years of service at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

The weekly classes did not come without challenges, of course. They did, also, come with many blessings. Throughout the years, I taught many kids whose kids, in turn, became my students. Living through that circle of life was one of those blessings. As was seeing many of them return to CCD to volunteer their time, making it possible for us to share and grow in our faith journey together. And those I've encountered years later and told me that something I said in class made a difference in their lives (somehow)? Well, that's been icing on the cake.

But, among the many blessings, more importantly are the lessons they've taught ME. Lessons that raise my teaching bar week after week. Like the fact that judging a book by its cover is a total waste of time, as my first-day-of-class preconceptions of them typically were torn to pieces by class number two. That patience is a virtue and it should come in the form of injection. And that what I know is not as important to them as how much I care.

I will miss it. I will miss them.

As my “catechist” calling draws to an end, I look forward to wherever God’s path of service leads me next.

Meanwhile, for this most gracious opportunity, invaluable experience, and four decades worth of lessons from my students, today and always, Lord, I am thankful.

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday’s post...si Dios quiere.

“Let all that you do be done in Love.”

-1 Corinthians 16:14

“The reality is that the Lord never calls the qualified; He qualifies the called.”

-H.T. Blackaby

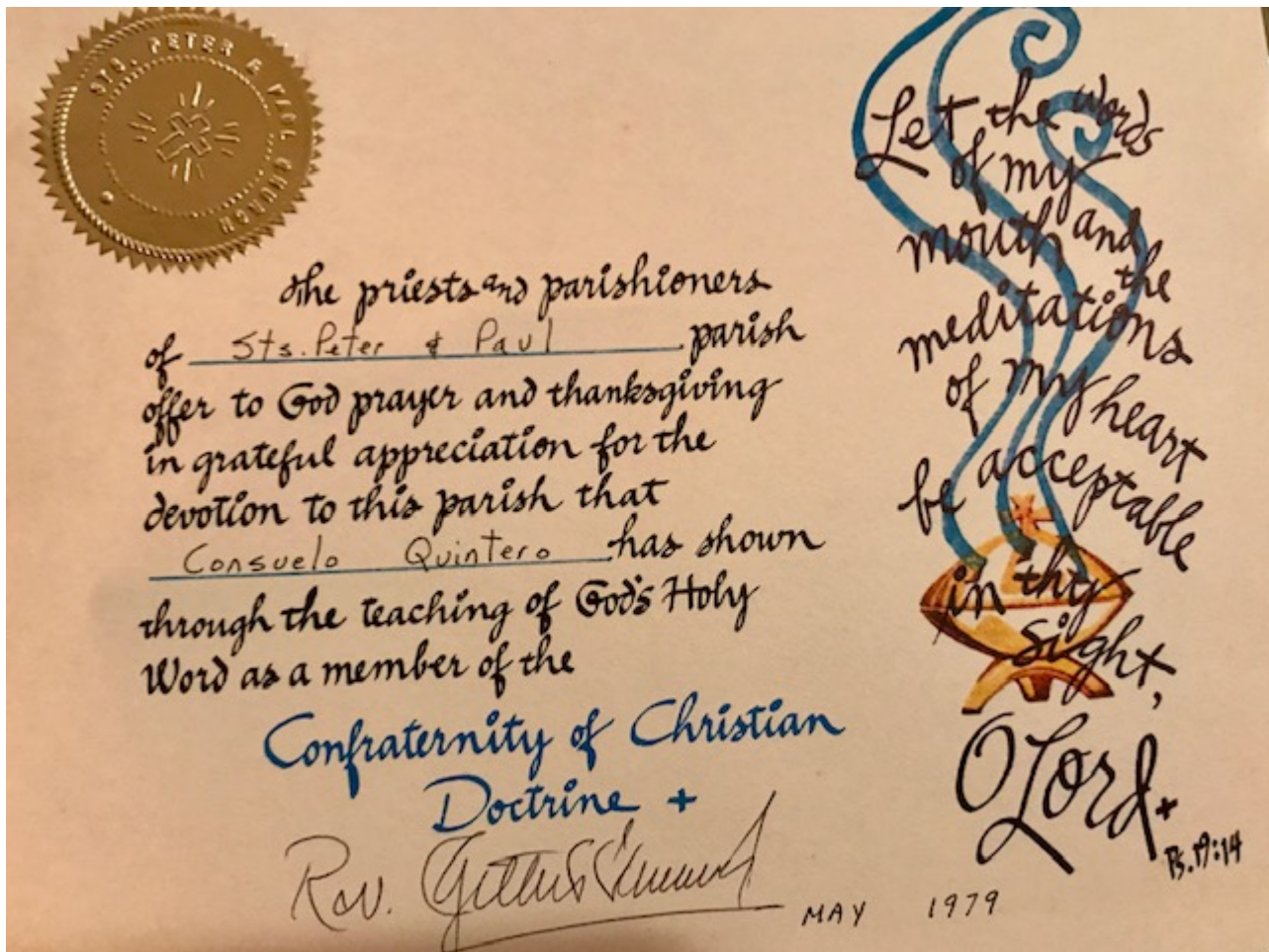
“We email, Facebook, tweet and text with people who are going to spend eternity in either heaven or hell. Our lives are too short to waste on mere temporal conversations when massive eternal realities hang in the balance. Just as you and I have no guarantee that we will live through the day, the people around us are not guaranteed tomorrow either. So let’s be intentional about sewing the threads of the gospel into the fabric of our conversations every day, knowing that it will not always be easy, yet believing that eternity will always be worth it.”

-D. Platt

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

-Therese de Lisieux

It’s been quite a ride and an honor.



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