

# Holy Family Radio

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Sts. Joachim and Ann

Dear Fellow Catholic Friend:

No doubt you've run across the little poem about the four last things, actually, I think the title is The Four Last Things:

Life is short and death is sure  
The hour of death remains obscure.  
A soul you have, and only one,  
if that be lost, all hope is gone.  
Waste not time, while time shall last;  
for after death 'tis ever past.  
All-seeing God, your Judge will be,  
and Heaven or Hell your destiny.  
All earthly things will speed away,  
Eternity, alone, will stay.

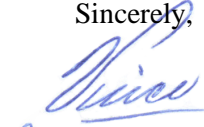
An old friend, Joe Bell, used to hand out copies of this and many other Catholic materials. He is now reaping his reward, but as I sat through tedious depositions today, testing the limits of my endurance of boredom, I thought of him as a model of endurance in the faith.

We all get tired, weary of the daily grind of trying to know and do the right thing, of trying to avoid the errors of the world, and especially of trying not to irritate or offend those around us who easily take offense at the faith. Mr. Bell seemed to never tire of mentioning Our Lord and handing out pamphlets on a saint or other Catholic topic.

Funny thing, Mr. Bell never spoke much about what was current in the Church, the latest scandal or whether the bishop is doing a good job. He just steadfastly continued to hand out papers and say, "I thank the Lord for many blessings." Despite the resistance, the awkwardness of conversations about religion, every time I saw him, he was enthusiastic to talk about Our Lord. I suspect he made a lot of people think, and upon thinking, but not being able to give up their sins, to recoil from this strange man. In this climate of fear and awkwardness, personal testimony is pretty challenging. That's why we continue to operate and are trying to improve Catholic radio.

So there you have it. Curiosity brings people to Catholic radio and gives them the opportunity to listen and learn without feeling the pressure of someone standing there handing them a tract. While we seldom get feedback, we do know that people listen and think. That is really the only reason Holy Family Radio keeps doing what it does. It is also the reason we pray for your continued support. When we put the hand to the plow, Our Lord says we must not look back. After a few years of Church related work, you start to understand why perseverance is one of the marks of the saints-- it is just not that easy to persevere, but, like I said, we pray that you will continue to contribute to Holy Family Radio and to pray that the station, not only continues, but is able to get the translator built! May God reward you for persevering!

Sincerely,



for Holy Family Radio

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