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Dear Catholic Friend:

Are you enjoying the sense of renewal that Lent always seems to bring? Wasn't it refreshing to have a warm day on Tuesday, the 20th? With renewal comes a new consideration of what our lives should be like.

Like all creation, God made us to show forth His glory. We do that best by knowing loving and serving Him in this life and sharing the beatific vision in the next. Everybody really ought to know this, but what a great privilege it is to have a Church who frequently reminds us of this mission. Considering how many people are left behind in ignorance, it really is a blessing. In light of this knowledge, however, the time we have in our Catholic life is precious and we must schedule and plan accordingly. What is it that we can do that gives the most glory to God? Easy! So faith, hope and charity remain, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Building larger granaries will not help in the next life, but a life of charity will.

The argument, then, is what constitutes charity? Is it being gracious, saying "please," "thank you" and "God bless you"? Is it making sure neighbors are cared for? Is it teaching and engaging the Sacraments? Is it teaching and working for a better structure in government to remove impediments to the community action so that the common good can be increased? "All of the above" is the answer, but perhaps it is not being nice and pleasant in lieu of being earnest. We'll leave that for another day.

We are all called to share in the primary mission of the Church, that is, the salvation of souls. Each is called in his or her own way, but the mission is best accomplished in the social context, and building up that social context is a great work of mercy. Don't get me wrong. I am not saying that politics is more important than morality. It is clearly not. Personal morality is the sine qua non to pleasing God or helping others. Are we not tired of civic and clerical leaders' moral failures? Personal morality is the starting point. Recall the words of Jesus' parable of the talents. "You worthless wretch, you did only what was required of you." But personal morality is only the beginning. While we strive to be good, we also strive to do good. "Love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Pet 4:8). In a way, our works of charity glorify God more than our sinful nature offends Him. We keep striving even if we're not the best choice to do the work.

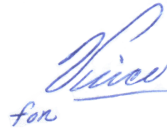
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Let us keep striving to create a community conducive to the salvation of souls, to increase the common good, to overcome the evils of materialism, negative capitalism and socialism. Let us renew our focus on sanctity, positive capitalism and liberty in law. Perhaps recalling the words of Katherine Bates, "America, God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law," might inspire us to greater charity, sacrifice and commitment.

Speaking of commitment, our Radiothon is coming up on April 12 and 13 and we have a big goal in mind. We have been granted a license to build an FM translator in Simpsonville to improve our signal! It will cost us tens of thousands to get a tower built out there. Your help will be critical to making that happen! Pray for our effort on this! And please spread the good news with those you know in the area around Simpsonville.

May your Lenten pruning bear much fruit and please remember our radio effort in your prayers and almsgiving!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Rice", with the word "for" written in smaller cursive below it.

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