

A Journey to a Holy Place

This has been a year of journeys. The Eucharistic Pilgrimage of last summer and the trip to the Holy Land are the tops in my book. I am always drawn to where Jesus traveled whether in Nebraska or overseas. The Holy Land continues to draw me back to the sight and sounds of where Jesus walked.

Yesterday, I took a client out to see the 9 Mile Bridge near Doniphan. We have been talking about history and so we took the drive and walked over the bridge and visited. I explained that last year during the Eucharistic Pilgrimage the bishops from Grand Island and Lincoln met over the Platte River. In turn, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament returned to the Lincoln Diocese for the waiting adorers at St. Ann's in Doniphan.

The 9 Mile Bridge is a trestle bridge, which has a series of short spans that are made of steel and connect together giving support to the bridge. The road on this bridge has seen wear and tear still allows one vehicle to pass. If you stop to walk the short span of the bridge, you can almost see Jesus and his apostles walking across the bridge. The river is now in its sandbar stage with beautiful wildflowers gracing the edges of the Platte. In our journey, toward a closer encounter with Jesus, we too cross over different paths. Some of the paths might be a little "dicey", where the road is unsteady and sometimes it is an easy walk. Like the beams on the bridge, you encounter people who support you through the church. It might be an individual, or a group such as the CCW, Catholic Daughters or a prayer group, but they are there to support and guide you on the path.

As you prepare to restart your PCCW or deanery meetings, consider how the women are your support beams to help you remain strong in your faith. You might be the one who uplifts another woman in her faith journey. For myself, the women I encounter, who touch me in a specific way to grow in my devotion to the Lord. I have one who is as persistent as Martha asking Jesus to get Mary to help, is making sure I focus on my devotion to the Divine Mercy. Then there are the women on fire to do things for Jesus using the CCW as their beam to support the ministry.

As you can see, we are all connected in this beautiful trestle bridge that supports the church. Today, please look at your council and ask yourself, how can you best support this bridge that allows Jesus to travel and reach the women you encounter?

Your Sister in Christ

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