



Daily Reflections

June 1, 2018

Scripture

1 Peter 4: 7-13

Beloved:

The end of all things is at hand.

Therefore be serious and sober-minded
so that you will be able to pray.

Above all, let your love for one another be intense,
because love covers a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God;
whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies,
so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,
to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you,
as if something strange were happening to you.

But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ,
so that when his glory is revealed
you may also rejoice exultantly.

Our Scripture Reflection

Peter gives his Church and us a wise saying that has been handed down throughout history: "Love covers a multitude of sins." What a difference the

living of Christian love made to a Church dealing with persecution and facing the possibility of the end of time. Love bonded the members closely to Jesus and to one another. What great medicine for our own troubled times.

Food for your Journey

Retired minister Joseph McCabe is no multimillionaire. But last fall he and his wife, Peggy, announced that they were giving nearly half a million dollars to Coe College, a PCUSA-related school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where McCabe served as president and chancellor for 40 years. The gift - \$458,616.67, to be exact - represents his entire 40-year salary.

"We looked at giving 10 percent of my earnings, but that was only \$40,000," McCabe explains. "We felt that we wanted to do more than this, and the idea came to us to give it all back." Successful investments in a strong stock market, the McCabes say, have given them more than enough to live on in retirement.

McCabe still works as a volunteer fund-raiser for Coe College, a cause he firmly believes in. In the March 1998 issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, he was quoted as saying: "If you need a purpose in life, find a good small college and fall in love with it."

-Spotlight: "Coe President Gives Back Salary: Gift represents 40 years of service."

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, I need Your strength to say no when I'm tempted to surrender to harmful things, or when selfishness clings to my heart and won't let go. I need Your strength to say yes, when cowardice and fear nudge me to deny the convictions of my heart. I need Your strength to reach out in love to those both close to me and all around me. May Your Grace be my strength and shield this day. Amen