

January 1st, 2016

**WORLD YOUTH DAY  
Krakow, Poland  
July 2016**

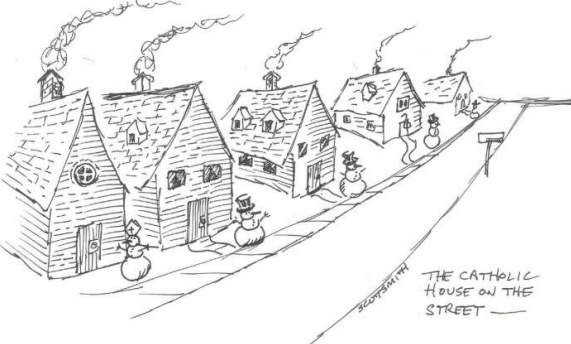
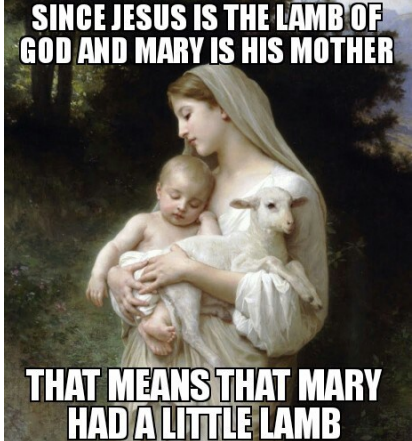
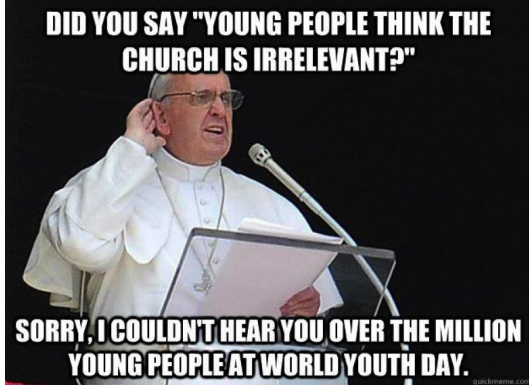
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**Mass Intentions**

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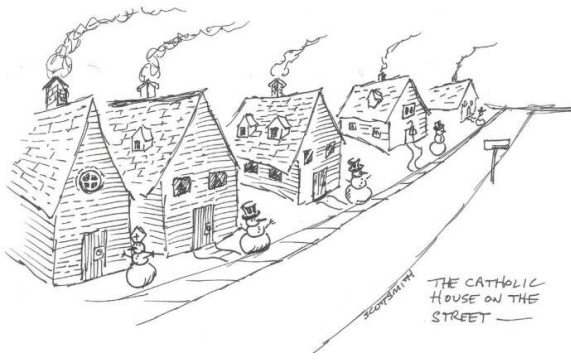
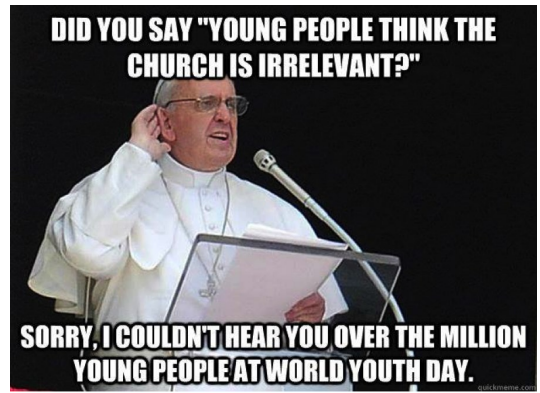
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As 2015 came to an end, and as we began 2016, I have been reflecting a good deal on life. Unfortunately, what seems to have sparked the depth of my personal reflections has been the many challenges and changes I have come to see in the lives whom I know. What I have been surprised by is that these people, these young friends, are ones I have known a long time, many since they were in high school and served as their parish priest. At fifty, I am finding now, that when our lives intersect, I am not only surprised, and to be honest, deeply saddened by some parts of the journey these friends for some twenty years have taken. How is it that a young person whose family I once knew very well is now divorced because of infidelity or long unresolved problems? How is it that a bright promising future of a gifted and blessed person is now facing mental illness or has become addicted to drugs and or alcohol? What causes someone who graduated from college to still struggle to find a job ten years later? How do beautiful persons find themselves in a marriage that ends before it really begins or ends after almost thirty year? And of course there are illnesses and deaths that have come about from out of the blue and touched the lives of people I have come to know and care about for many years. Aren't these the stories that make up the lives of other people?

I have been wrestling with these for sometime, perhaps all of last year. And what I have come to discover, is apart from the human side of seeing obstacles, challenges and pain faced by friends, and that which makes these stand apart, is that these are challenges facing people whom I have known for many year. Most over 10 years now.

It seems strange; I know. I mean really, as a priest for over twenty years now, there are few things I think I haven't been engaged with professionally or personally. The only new thing, so it seems, is that it is happening with people I know for a considerable amount of time. So this is the new element. Time. Time. Have you ever thought about it? As people of faith, we know that time is simply God's first gift, which is intimately connected to the first, last, and every breath we take. With the gift of time, we are to make the most of what we have been given and to do so with meaning, purpose and value. What is so amazing about time is that we know it exists, even though we may rarely think about it. The other amazing thing is that it is limited and so we think about it often. Rarely, however, do we connect these two ends.

May the New Year we start remind us just how precious time is and may it serve to tell us to make the best use of it each and every day. Each and every minute. With each and every person. Peace, Fr. Cool

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