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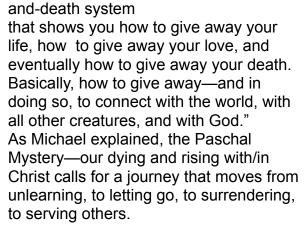
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ESSENCE—Sanctity pathway

defined—Last weekend's Liturgy,

Michael Rigdon gave us the essential message of authentic Christianity as derived from Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ," and the chapter on Transformation: Authentic Christianity is not so much a belief

system as a life-



As Richard continues: "There's a constant movement of loss and renewal at work in this world at every level. It seems to be a pattern of all growth and evolution. To be alive means to surrender to this inevitable flow. It's the

same pattern in every atom, in every human relationship, and in every galaxy. Native peoples, Hindu scripture, Buddha,

Moses, Mohammad, and Jesus all saw it early in human history and named it as a kind of 'necessary dying.' "If this pattern is true, it has been true all the time and everywhere. All of us travelers, each in our own way, have to eventually learn about letting go of

something smaller so something bigger can happen."

And after reading all that, it seems useful to read it again, and again. [Somewhere the gathering of the saints is named as "a great cloud of witnesses." To update that statement and pic, see the last page.]

OFFERINGS—If you have made a recent donation to our community, we thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful for your demonstrated care and concern. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation. Come join us.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support continues to be **All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota** [AFFB] in its task of providing food for hungry and needy families and children.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Zoom Expansion Team is ready to facilitate In-person/ Zoom (hybrid) liturgies. I am happy to let you know that an opening hybrid liturgy at St. Andrew, UCC has been scheduled for

Saturday, April 23rd, at 4 pm.

Hybrid liturgies will be celebrated one Saturday per month for six months. The schedule for the first three months is as follows: April 23rd, May 7th, June 25th. After our June liturgy, we will be able to schedule liturgies consistently on a specific week of the month. That will be determined and announced in the near future.

The Zoom Expansion team will have a "rehearsal" meeting Friday, March 18th at 3:30 pm to be sure we are set to have as smooth an experience as possible. It has been a long process, but we are happy we are close to achieving what our community members told us they wanted post-Covid.—Joan Pesce for the Zoom Expansion Team

MOVIE CORNER

Continuing with this year's Academy Award nominated movies we watched the new West Side Story on Disney+. We had rewatched the original last year and were impressed with its ability to stand

the test of time so I was a little skeptical about a new version. But it was excellent; still relevant and subtly more in touch and sensitive to many of the issues. Many of the actors were better than the original; Ariana DeBose as Anita and Mike Faist as Riff were two of my favorites. Rita Moreno, who was superb as Anita in the original movie, really adds to the current version in her role as Doc's wife. Some of the musical numbers were great also especially America and I Feel Pretty. It was a bit long and grittier than the original. Mary and Jack commented that the setting was strange, darker than the original, and the violence was more realistic. Give it a try...let me know what you think. Send your comments, criticisms, suggestions, to ponce.beth@gmail.com —Beth Ponce

Faithful Joseph: Teach us to listen and not be afraid; to trust as you did in God's promise.

Loving Joseph: Teach us to love courageously with a heart that is free and just.

Protector Joseph: Teach us to protect one another and all that belongs to God. **Dreamer Joseph**: Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbors; a vision illumined by God's light.

Teacher Joseph: Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts and to proclaim It in word and action.

Gentle Joseph: Teach us to be gentle with our power and strong in our tenderness.

Parent Joseph: Teach us to be for our children a living lesson of Goodness and Truth, a Blessing of Hope for all generations to come.— *Joseph Prayer by Sister Kathy Sherman, CSJ*

