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Archbishop Romero

Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 21st October 2019 “Don’t give up”



“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

Saint Josemaría Escrivá

Pope Francis tells us:

“Dear young people, do not give up your dreams of a more just world.”



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“A marathon runners was asked to speak to a group of runners who were preparing to run a marathon for the first time. At question time, he was asked what it took to run a full marathon. His reply was honest and sincere; it takes time, discipline, practice, patience and perseverance. Not bad advice; this could also be a very good description of what it takes to understand what this weeks themes is really all about.





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Breaking2 was a project by Nike to break the two-hour barrier for the marathon. Nike announced the project in November 2016 and organized a team of three elite runners who trained for a private race. ...

Ultimately, the project came up short, with Eliud Kipchoge winning the race in 2:00:25.

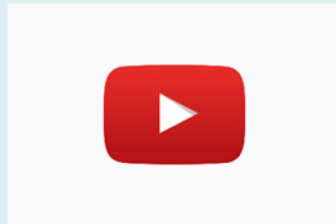
But Kipchoge never gave up!





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Don't give up on God.

We were not created by God to be quitters or to be lazy or to....lack faith. Is that not what it boils down to? We lack the faith to see the storms through? We lack the conviction that God is working (even when we can't see it) and do not step out into what He has for us. Sometimes our lack of faith causes us to give up at times.

Where do we go when we realise that we have experienced God's love in our lives? Do we stay where we are? Do we walk backwards to where we were out of anger for our past? Or do we spread the grace that we have received to others by our care and compassion? The choice is ours.

A photograph of an aloe vera plant with its characteristic thick, green, pointed leaves. The plant is in the foreground, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

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Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

- Sometimes, it will be tempting for us to give up hopes and dreams for a meaningful life and for a more just world, especially when troubles and setbacks come our way. As followers of Jesus we are called to move forward and to find ways to make a contribution to improving society.
What does it take to pursue our hopes and dreams?





Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”



**KEEP
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HALF TERM**



Time to
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