



"Life is short, my Lord. I look at all my yesterdays and they seem so hazy while all my tomorrows are uncertain. The only time I really possess is this tiny moment and it passes so quickly. Why does time weigh so heavily in my life? It is a most precious gift from Your hands and I should look at it as I would a treasure." – Mother Angelica

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Dear Family,

We are born into this world as little babies, totally dependent upon nourishment and love from our mothers, and protection and love from our fathers. Cries and babbling transform into words and sentences. From kicking to rolling to crawling to walking to running, our muscles form and we become coordinated and strong. Infancy passes quickly to childhood. "And time goes marching on..."

Counting on our fingers progresses to addition, then multiplication to algebra, then geometry. Reading, rhyming, and writing steadily increase as our minds open to the vast world of the written word. Relationships deepen and friendships are born as our life passes from childhood to adolescence. "And time goes marching on..."

Soon we find ourselves graduating from high school, then college, soon after comes marriage and a family of our own. Soon we are the ones called to love and protect, to nurture new life, to educate and raise a family according to the ways of God. "And time goes marching on..."

My dear friends, as the years go by time passes more swiftly. I remember, as a child, waiting for Christmas. It seemed like it would never come. Then as time passes, it seems like Christmas is always sneaking up on me. The same goes for the marking of a new year. Hours, days, months, years, and – dare I say – even decades pass so quickly...like sand slipping through our fingers.

As St. Thérèse lay dying, she made one of the Sisters promise that she would be a saint. The Sister assured her that once Thérèse died she would put her whole heart into it. St. Thérèse adamantly responded that she **MUST NOT WAIT**. She says so simply: **BEGIN NOW**. "Believe me," the Little Flower states, "don't wait until tomorrow to begin becoming a saint."

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Why was St. Thérèse so adamant? Could it have been because she learned very young that "time goes marching on..."? Or perhaps, like Mother Angelica said in the quote I began this letter with, that St. Thérèse knew that time is a precious gift from God and a treasure that must not be squandered.

Family, we've each been allotted a certain time on this earth. Let us not waste a single moment of it. Let us use each second of each day to love, adore, praise, and thank Our Lord. Let us use each second of each day to further His Kingdom on this earth. It's a New Year, Family. What are we going to do with the treasure entrusted to us? I love you, Family.

In Jesus and Mary,

Deacon Bill

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*PS: Now is our cross, "And
Time goes marching on ..."*

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