

Ten Thousand Tweets

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A few years ago I began sending out Tweets on my I-Phone, little messages that synopsise a spiritual concept, a self-help suggestion, a political point of view, or a timely feeling. A Tweet must be limited to 140 characters, which is about 27 words or less.

To my surprise, I just reached my 10,000th Tweet in June. Here is a small sample of my mini-messages.

“The worst addiction of all is the habit of using your money to maximize your pleasure, your convenience, & your comfort without moderation.”

“The Supreme Law made simple: cling to God, think of others, and don’t put yourself down.”

“God asks: ‘Will you give me your life so that I can abide in you & together we can bear rich fruit’-He hopes your answer is yes.”

“If you say yes-you have the right to ask God this question-“After I die, may I live with you forever in heaven?” His answer is always yes!

“Prayer at Mass-6/5/16 “O God from whom all good things come, grant that we who call on you in need, may discern what is right & do it.”

“The world of nature is well ordered bc God designed it. Entrust your life to God & it will be well ordered -if not it will be a mess.”

“Fulfill the four words of Jesus: love, pray, go teach. Teach by example. Joy is the by-product of a meaningful life.”

“Many blessings come to us each day. Be attentive & grateful. Count your blessings and let your heart be full of joy.”

“Pope John Paul II: ‘I plead with you-never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, & never become discouraged. Do not be afraid.’ ”

“Joy is the keynote message of the Christianity & the recurring motif of the Gospels; go therefore and become messages of joy” –Pope John Paul II”

“Congratulations to all you recent graduates-you were created to make this a better world-to save your soul & to be happy with God forever in heaven.”

“I like it when Pope Francis proclaims the Church to be a hospital in a combat zone rather than a legalistic institution.”

“Pope John XXIII called his opposition:-‘prophets of gloom and doom’. Pope Francis calls those who oppose his emphasis on Mercy: ‘Hostile Rigorists.’ ”

“Mercy is often seen as a feminine virtue: compassion, love, forgiveness, but it is also masculine in its strength, resolve & responsibility.

“The political conflict of our times can be summed up as “Protectionism vs. Globalism.” Protectionism will prevail.”

“Pope Francis puts Mercy above judgmentalism; he said: Mercy can be seen as the steadfastness of a father who constantly supports & encourages his children.”

“Carriers of Christ depend more on the supernatural power of Jesus living in them, in comforting the afflicted, than on their own words.”

“Comfort the afflicted:-put on the will to bear discomfort as you enter their misery-let Christ living in you bring them his love thru you.”

“Some patients need to complain, let them talk-don’t interrupt-just be there & if you know them well enough calmly stroke their forehead.”

“Dare to be brave, go where the Holy Spirit leads you even if you feel uncomfortable. The Spirit often leads us in directions we would not likely go.”

“A good spiritual director doesn’t direct-he or she discerns if it is the Holy Spirit who is leading the person to make difficult sacrifices in the name of love.”

“Carry one another’s burdens in that way you will fulfill the law of Jesus Christ- Galatians 6:2”