



Deacon Deliberations
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“Thinking of your Mother?”

It's Mother's Day and since I think each of us have or at one time did have a mother, our thoughts should, as do mine gravitate towards "Mom." I would hope that all mothers who are with us are in some way today being honored. Have you sent flowers, called your mom (no texting for this occasion), sent her a very special Mother's Day card or have planned a very special meal (one that she has no part in cooking)? And what about mothers who are no longer with us? Have you had a Mass said for them, have you prayed for them, have you visited their gravesites (if in the area) and told them how much you miss them.

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers that would be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car in the flower shop parking lot he noticed a young girl sitting on one of the concrete parking space bumpers and noticed she was crying. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother, but I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me, I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl a rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As he and the young girl were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! Could you take me to my mother?" She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave. The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up the two dozen roses he had ordered and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

Dear friends, today, do something special for your mother. Please don't let this day pass as just another day where you feel obligated to contact mom. No texting, no leaving voice messages, only real contact (either in person or by telephone will do). For those of us who have lost their mothers, a trip to the cemetery for a visit for those who are near, getting on your knees and remembering those precious moments you spent with her, praying for the repose of her soul, and having a Mass said in her name.

Mother's Day should be a special day in our lives. It's a day we can celebrate how much our mothers have contributed to our growth and development. Won't you and your family make it the special time it deserves to be. And whether our mothers are with us or have passed, let pray for them by saying, "Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee..."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!