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SOSJ –2 – HOLY FATHERS PART 2
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2 Corinthians 9: 7-14

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” The one who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God. Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution to them and to all others, while in prayer on your behalf they long for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Questions

1. Many religious and non-religious groups make outreach to the poor, which is good. But what makes the most productive out reach to the poor?
2. When a young man is struggling with discerning a vocation to the priesthood or the married life, what is the best advice one could give? How can we encourage someone without pressuring them to one life or the other? What if one has only one son, and really wants grandchildren?
3. Jesus said, “the poor you shall always have with you.” Does this mean God is uncaring, or at least incomplete in His love of all human beings? Why doesn’t He directly help the poor? Didn’t He feed the 5000?
4. What is/are the best approach/disposition/words when you are surrounded at work by people who reject or even disparage the Catholic faith? What are different strategies to implement?