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Appreciating Being Alive

by KATHLEEN GLAVICH, SND on [MARCH 14, 2012](#)
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We just celebrated my mom's 91st birthday. She bemoans her loss of independence and her pains. "Just throw me in Lake Erie," she remarks. Yet she is anticipating another birthday party next year. And her family is glad she is still with us. I too am moving closer to the end of my life. This has made me reflect on how precious every day is. Because I live today, I can delight in the beauty of the full moon decorated with wisps of gray clouds this morning. I can enjoy Beethoven's 5th symphony and the theme from the Titanic movie.



I can look forward to a delicious fish fry tonight in the company of good friends. Best of all, I can know love. Yes, it's great to be alive on this planet! And what a heinous crime it is to deprive a person of the gift of life.

Jesus called himself "the Life" and said he came to bring us abundant life. Because of him—his sacrifice on the cross and his rising—we have regained the potential to live forever. Now death is not a dead end for us but a door to an even fuller, richer life, one



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Bernice Glavich celebrates life

beyond our wildest imagination, according to St. Paul. If this life is a hint of what's to come, we human beings are truly fortunate.

When I taught freshmen, in one religion class we had a "Celebrate Life" day. Each student shared something that reflected that theme. You might celebrate life today: do something you enjoy, review wonderful things you've experienced so far, spend extra time thanking God for letting you be born. And answer the question that poet Mary Oliver poses: "What is it that you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

What are some things you like about being alive?

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Melannie Svoboda, SND March 14, 2012 at 10:45 am



Dear Kathleen, I just read your blog (loved the picture of your Mom!). I'm about to go for a walk around a nearby lake. That's one thing I like about being alive: being a part of this incredible "web of being." Thanks for the encouragement your writing always gives!

REPLY

Kathleen Glavich, SND March 14, 2012 at 12:54 pm



Thanks for adding to my blog, Melannie!

REPLY

Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND March 17, 2012 at 11:39 am



Dear Kathleen, I appreciate life in creation, in my gardens. Life is most wonderful for me in the spring. Imagine those plants knowing when to soar into



About Sister Kathleen Glavich, SND

Jesus ordered us to make disciples of all nations and teach them. Mary Kathleen, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, responds to this call through writing, speaking, giving retreats, and teaching. Her motto, adopted from Eddie Doherty's gravesite, is "All my words for the Word!"

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the space of a garden. I think teaching children how to plant gardens is a beginning to appreciate the wonder of all life.

REPLY

Kathleen Glavich, SND March 17, 2012 at 11:56 am



Your comment reminds me of something I believe Fr. Ed Hays wrote:
The first prayer occurred when someone saw a plant emerging from earth and declared, "Oh!"

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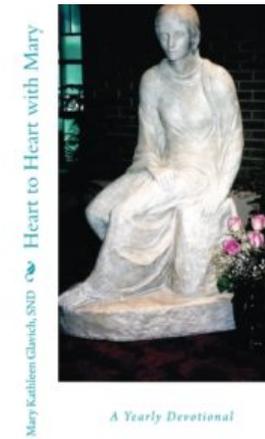
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A Bit of Humor

A Slow Student During indoor recess, the third and fourth graders were playing school. Taking part in the game, the teacher, Sister Janet, sat at a child's desk. Adam, who was playing the teacher, came up to her and asked, "And just how many years have you been kept back?" (from "Why Is Jesus in the Microwave?")

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