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A Light of Revelation

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*“...a LIGHT for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.”
(Luke 2:32)*

A Light of Revelation

Baptism consecrated us to be light, to be the face of Jesus.

We know light gives warmth; it also burns.

Temperatures must be just right.

We know by experiences of

...burnt toast,

...meat roasted and dried out,

...popcorn too cold to explode,

“Get it right or suffer the consequences!”

“Trying to save souls” (The Light of Christ has already done this on Calvary.)
might be helped by discernment in prayer before we begin to sear a soul to salvation.

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What light-switches of “saviors of good will” might burn or turn off others?

- ...words that demean,
- ...words of condemnation,
- ...words of bitterness and berating?

Turning actions can also be faulty light-switches.

- ...turning your back on someone,
- ...turning, twisting words and actions into down right lies,
- ...turning away to avoid contact and compassionate conversation.

Rather sit in the light of the Son.

Bask in his warm presence.

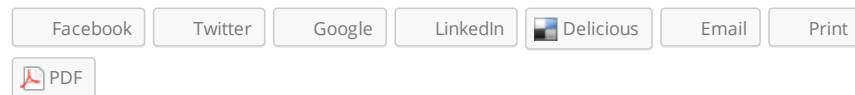
Be re-charged with just the right temperature to open the heart those you encounter.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Who or what has made you turn a deaf ear to the Gospel of Jesus?
2. Why do we turn away from others?
3. Do you perhaps have the same faults you condemn in others?
4. How often do you sit in the presence of the Lord to listen to his words?
5. How does prayer balance with the other activities of your day?
6. Name a few ways to have the right temperature in relationships?



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Sister Kathleen Tobin January 31, 2014 at 9:42 am



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It's true we all want to share the light of Christ. You have given us a good

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examination of conscience to use before communicating with others.

Sister Kathleen

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Juliemarie February 5, 2014 at 9:18 am



I am glad it was helpful. Keep up those examen times. Remember that Ignatius told us if you don't have time for prayers, don't skip your examen. Sr. Jm

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