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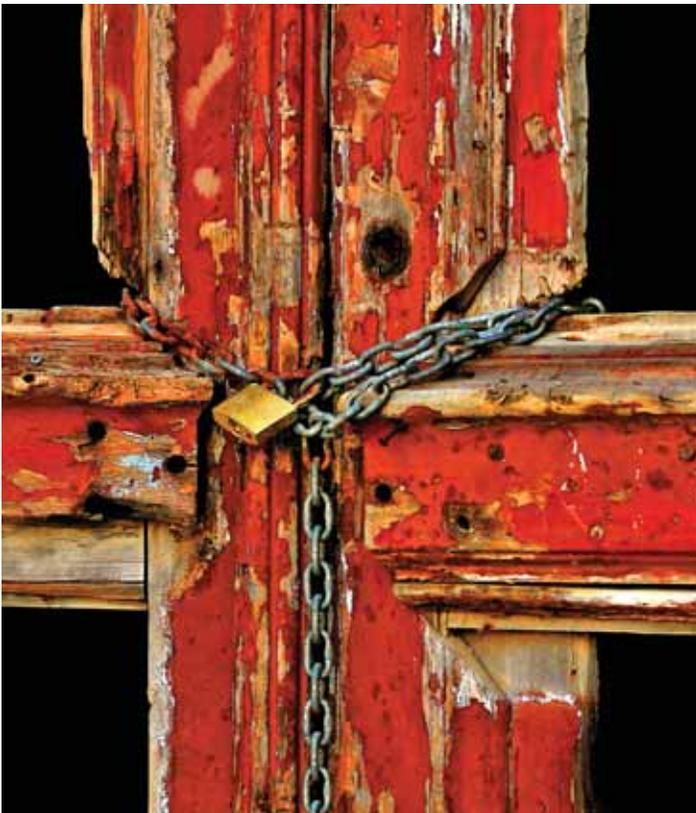
God sees more in us than we see in ourselves.

**God is willing to work with our limitations.**

*Jeffrey Duaiame CSSp*

I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a church concerned with being at the centre and then ends up by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures ... More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving.

*Pope Francis*



God's Spirit has been given a church, not to be an empty shell or a white elephant ... but a living community of men and women who recognize the Spirit at work in their lives and who, rather than taming the living Spirit, unleash it so that their lives are given for others.

*Marc Whelan CSSp*



**When religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than the voice of compassion — its message becomes meaningless.**

*Abraham Heschel*



Christian community is not about perfect people. Each of us is our own mixture of good and bad, darkness and light, love and hate ... The road to community passes through daily forgiveness.

*Jean Vanier*

**Do the right thing, for the right reason, in the right way, at the right time, and in the right words.**

*Judge Peter Lauwers*