Food for Thought

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Freedom is not an opting out. It is an opting in.

Pope Benedict XVI

Looking back I see that engaging with the Maasai people was the most important thing I have done with my life. Proclaiming the gospel for the first time to communities who have never heard it is something other than doing pastoral ministry with baptized people.

Gene Hillman CSSp (1924-2009)

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Margaret Silf

There is much reverence here toward the stones and holy sites and the divine in them. But many times we lack reverence for the divine in the other person.

Johannes Oravec
Benedictine monk, Jerusalem

Jesus chose eating, drinking and the service at table as the key images to communicate his type of life in the world. The last named activity is a function generally reserved to women in Jewish as well as in African societies. To serve in Jesus’ community is to be like a mother. Ministry is mothering.

Eugene Uzukwu CSSp

The Gospel is announced to the people. They live in a particular kind of culture, so they receive it in that culture. And that’s when the Gospel is really planted, when it becomes part of that culture. That never really happened with the aboriginal people.

Archbishop James Weisgerber
Winnipeg

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