

CHOOSING LIFE

Dream: The Way I Imagine

Am I allowing my imagination to stimulate or encourage me to be in touch with and live out of my deepest desires?

The heart is commonly reached, not through the reason, but through the imagination.

John Henry Newman

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything.

Pedro Arrupe

If God is not attractive to us, then we cannot desire him.

Gerard Hughes

Imagination is "the gift that envisions what cannot yet be seen".

William Lynch

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

Matthew 13: 44-46

Where is my treasure? What is it?

Where am I investing my time, thoughts, resources?

What excites me, gives me energy for life?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Luke 12:34)

Spend some time reflecting on the "kingdom as pearl".

What's it feel like to be "found"?

To be discovered and named as a "pearl"?

How hard has it been/is it for me to live out of this extraordinarily gifted place:

"We are the pearls, found by the kingdom of God"?

I try to enter into the vision of our triune God looking upon our world....

Ignatius of Loyola

Discernment is about noticing, and learning to make choices in freedom so that we are no longer hijacked by any disordered love or attachment, and begin to accept, welcome and desire whatever god wants.