

Connecting New

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Sometimes I become aware of my need to engage with one of my vintage poems. This happened to me recently, so I share the poem with you here hoping that at least some of you will also find that helpful. I was honored by Ann Garrido including the poem in her book, *Redeeming Administration: 12 Spiritual Habits for Catholic Leaders in Parishes, Schools, Religious Communities, and Other Institutions* (2013).

More

The devil came to me disguised as more,
one more good thing I could do,
should do,
and then another,
and another.

I was seduced and misguided.
The more sapped my energy, my joy, my delight.
There was more harshness and impatience
in my voice and my presence.
And the devil grinned,
while God sighed, patiently
knowing that when I get worn down enough,
I'll come home to my true self,
to being my true self in God.

May we continue to live in the flow of grace and joy, but when we lose our way,
may we come back home to God and our authentic, freer selves.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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