"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest..."

Mark 6:31

"He saw they were distressed in rowing, for the wind was against them." Mark 6:45

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;"

Jeremiah 1:5

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."

1 Thessalonians 5:24

"...the indispensable minimum is that the Catholics coming out of our schools should emerge with a tremendous devotion to Christ, Our Lord, with an awareness of Him, a considerable knowledge of His Life and Personality, and a desire to increase that knowledge; if they have got that, they are all right; even if they have got nothing else, they are still all right, they will come to very little harm. But if they have not, all other excellences don't do them a great deal of good. "

-FJ Sheed - Are We Really Teaching Religion 1953

"Systems are always and everywhere nothing more than the instantiated reflection of the people in them. Therefore, the only way to change or improve the system in pursuit of its mission is to change the people."

-Jonathan Doyle

"The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."

— Léon Bloy

"...therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness...all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity. (Lumen Gentium 39-40)

The future of the Church can and will issue from those whose roots are deep and who live from the pure fullness of their faith. To put this more positively: The future of the Church, once again as always, will be reshaped by saints, by men and women, that is, whose minds probe deeper than the slogans of the day, who see more than others see, because their lives embrace a wider reality.

-Josef Ratzinger - Christmas Day 1969