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Reflections – Charism and Moreau’s Early Life

“The pattern by which God picks up incidental details of human existence and transforms them into key aspects of the future or into a cornerstone upon which to rest an entire edifice provides us with much encouragement and a stern warning. There are causal, random, and seemingly irrelevant events. Small opportunities come and go.

Routine actions, like our normal employment with its day to day sameness, may become monotonous and may be performed impersonally.

Yet God can take advantage of details, such as those present in routine activities and day to day sameness, to drastically change our existence. Something, at the distant outer circle of our needs and interests, can move to the center, support everything else, and create something new.”

Carroll Stuhlmueller, CP

Biblical Meditations for the Easter Season, page 23, Reflection on John 21:1-14

Charism, a living organism, springs into being at a specific moment, in a specific environment with many tending the earth, protecting the new growth.

What elements of Moreau’s early life are reflected in the spirit of Holy Cross?

In your own life, who prepared the soil for you?

What was the environment (personal, social, political, religious) at the time which affected your soil?

Was there a critical moment or series of events which led you to realize something essential was happening in your life leading you to put your hands to the work of resurrection through the charism of Holy Cross?