

Why I Am Catholic

2,000 years of faith teachers

Another reason I am Catholic are 2,000 years of Spiritual Writings by the saints and teachers of our faith. This past Monday (1/14), the Office of Readings had a quote from St. Clement's Letter to the Corinthians that we can all reflect on:

"Lord, we entreat you to help us. Come to the aid of the afflicted, pity the lowly, raise up the fallen, show your face to the needy, heal the sick, convert the wayward, feed the hungry, deliver the captives, support the weak, encourage the fainthearted. Let all nations know that you alone are God; Jesus Christ is your Son, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture."

As we return to Ordinary Time, St. Clement reminds us of our everyday calling. We must never waver in doing good. We must never allow our faith to become weak. We must always strive to be like the saints and live our faith in word and deed. We have four weeks until we enter the season of Lent. In those weeks this column will offer the spiritual wisdom of others who have walked the path we walk on today.