

On Line and On Point

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KEEP ON LISTENING!—Greetings in the name of our God who is good:

Whose love endures forever.

Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky: give

to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,

glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, kauri and pine, rata

and kowhai, mosses and ferns,

Baobab, fynbos, yellowwood and aloe: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, dolphins and kahawai, sea lion and crab, coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs

kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:

Elephant, lions, rhinos, and giraffes,

ostrich, sheep, cattle Scorpion and dung beetle:

give to our God your thanks and praise.



Greetings to you, women and men, Elders and children, women and men, Diverse cultures of this rainbow land: Typists and teachers, cleaners, and clerks,

learners, job-seekers, TV and sports' stars,

All who care, who love and who pray,

Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play.

give to our God your thanks and praise.

A Blessing—

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marveled at the lilies of the field,

Who transforms chaos to order,

Lead us to transform our

lives

and the Church

To listen to the voice of all creatures, That reflect God's glory in creation.—

CELEBRATION GUIDE FOR SEASON OF CREATION 2022

QUOTE—"Only one thing is more frightening than speaking your truth. And that is not speaking. I began to ask myself: 'What's the worst that could happen to me if I tell this truth?' Unlike women in other countries, our breaking silence is unlikely to have us jailed,

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice, peace and care for creation. Come join us.

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'disappeared' or run off the road at night. Our speaking out will irritate some people, get us called bitchy or hypersensitive and disrupt some dinner parties. And then our speaking out will permit other women to speak, until laws are changed and lives are saved and the world is altered forever."—
Audre Lorde

OFFERINGS— If you have made a recent donation to our community, we thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful for your demonstrated care and concern. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ, by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL 34238.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support is the **Community Foundation of Sarasota Season of Sharing**. As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are relying on the time-tested and trusted Season of Sharing partnership with the Herald Tribune Media Group and multiple nonprofit agencies to help the most vulnerable individuals and families with immediate basic needs such as payments for rent, utilities, child care, transportation, and food vouchers.

MOVIE CORNER

Kleo is one of Netflix's international series which we have found to be well acted, well dubbed and not standard Hollywood. **Kleo** was made in Germany and spans the period when the Berlin Wall was dismantled. Netflix describes it as a fast-paced retro spy thriller with dark humor and farcical killings. It is a revenge movie about an elite East

German assassin who is betrayed and imprisoned. It starts out fairly serious but gets more humorous as the eight episode series progresses. The dialog is witty and the characters very unique but there is some violence and nudity. Overall it was an oddly entertaining adult series.—
Beth Ponce. Send your suggestions of movies to watch, to ponce.beth@gmail.com

POVERTY GOING DOWN—When President Bill Clinton signed a bipartisan bill tightening the rules around welfare eligibility in 1996 — and making many benefits conditional on work — critics on the political left predicted terrible effects. A few members of the Clinton administration quit in protest. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan warned of devastating increases in child poverty. The New Republic proclaimed, "Wages will go down, families will fracture and millions of children will be made more miserable than ever." How did this happen? The 1996 welfare law turned out to be a case study of different political ideologies combining to produce a result that was better than either side would likely have produced on its own. Some conservative critiques of the old welfare contained an important insight, I was told . Poor single mothers (the main beneficiaries of welfare) were better able to find and hold jobs than many liberals expected. Over the past few decades, increased employment among single mothers has been one reason for the decline in child poverty, according to the study, which was done by Child Trends, a research group. But the biggest cause was an expansion of government aid. And progressives were the main force behind this expansion. With welfare less generous,

Democrats (sometimes in alliance with Republicans) pushed for policies to help low-income workers, such as expansions of the earned-income tax credit and food stamps. Increases in state-level minimum wages also played a role.

After welfare reform, the focus of the government's anti-poverty efforts shifted from people who weren't working to people who were — and, thanks partly to the generosity of the new programs, child poverty plummeted. The size of the decline, Dana Thomson, a co-author of

the study, said, “is unequalled in the history of poverty measurement.”

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia of Brandeis University pointed out that 12 million additional children would be poor today if the poverty rate were still as high as it was in the 1990s. The reasons to cheer this development are both immediate and longer term: Children who spend even modest amounts of time in poverty earn less money and are less healthy as adults on average, research has shown.

—*David Leonhardt NYTimes*

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