

Deacon's Beacons

June 26, 2019

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 23:23-24

As today is the 20th Anniversary of my ordination as a Deacon, I was planning to select a reading rather than rely on the one generated randomly. But as He usually does, God had other plans. When I read this passage, it hearkened back to the days when I was discerning this call. Here were times that I just wanted to put my head down and say to God to find someone else. But that is also not how God works. When God has a plan for you, you will not be able to hide from it. Yes, you may choose not to follow that plan. But you will never find peace in that situation. God calls whom He wants for the role He has planned. Not everyone's role is the same. But not everyone can be a doctor or a lawyer. If they were, who would fix our plumbing or our cars? Who would build our houses? Canon 208 in Canon Law, the law of the Church, states that all serve in equal dignity in accordance to how God calls them to serve. One is not better because one is ordained. That one has chosen to become a servant of the servants of God. Pray for me and the 27 other men in my class who continue to serve. And pray for increased vocations in all aspects of serving the Church.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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