

Sermonette

by Deacon Bartholomew Salazar

As you read this sermonette, which of the following more closely describes your circumstances? Do you tend to find yourself moving more deeply into sin, seeking opportunities to experience greater personal pleasure by obtaining more fame, power and/or wealth? And then, on occasion, some type of interruption occurs that pricks your conscience to recognize that this is not the right thing to do? Or, do you find yourself trying to escape the temptations associated with achieving greater personal pleasure by becoming more selfless and virtuous and then some type of interruption occurs that saddens you because you feel you will never again enjoy the personal pleasure you experienced in the past?

Because of our fallen nature we all have temptations toward desiring to experience personal pleasure. But do you know that there are a set of rules that help us navigate these circumstances? During the 16th century Saint Ignatius of Loyola, recognizing pat-

terns of thought in his own life, identified and assembled 14 Rules for the Discernment of Spirits to assist people when they move through these circumstances. If you are interested in learning more about these rules, I encourage you to research them further beyond this sermonette. Rules 1 and 2 are identified here as an introduction.

First Rule: In persons who are going from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is ordinarily accustomed to propose apparent pleasures to them, leading them to imagine sensual delights and pleasures in order to hold them more and make them grow in their vices and sins. In these persons the good spirit uses a contrary method, stinging and biting their consciences through their rational power of moral judgment.

Second Rule: In persons who are going on intensely purifying their sins and rising from good to better in the service of God our Lord, the method is contrary to that in the first rule. For then it is proper to the evil spirit to bite, sadden and

place obstacles, disquieting with false reasons, so that the person may not go forward. And it is proper to the good spirit to give courage and strength, consolations, tears, inspirations and quiet, easing and taking away all obstacles, so that the person may go forward in doing good.

One thing that is evident when we review these rules is that there is a tension that exists between the good spirit and evil spirit. As we recognize that patterns exist in how both spirits react, depending on whether we are moving toward or away from God, we can start

to become more aware of examples of these interactions in our daily lives. The major takeaway from all 14 Rules is that God loves us so much that He does not allow us to become so steeped in sin that we cannot change our ways. God also does not remain idle when the evil one attempts to lure us back to a life of sin. He is always attempting to bring us back toward Him to live a life of greater virtue.

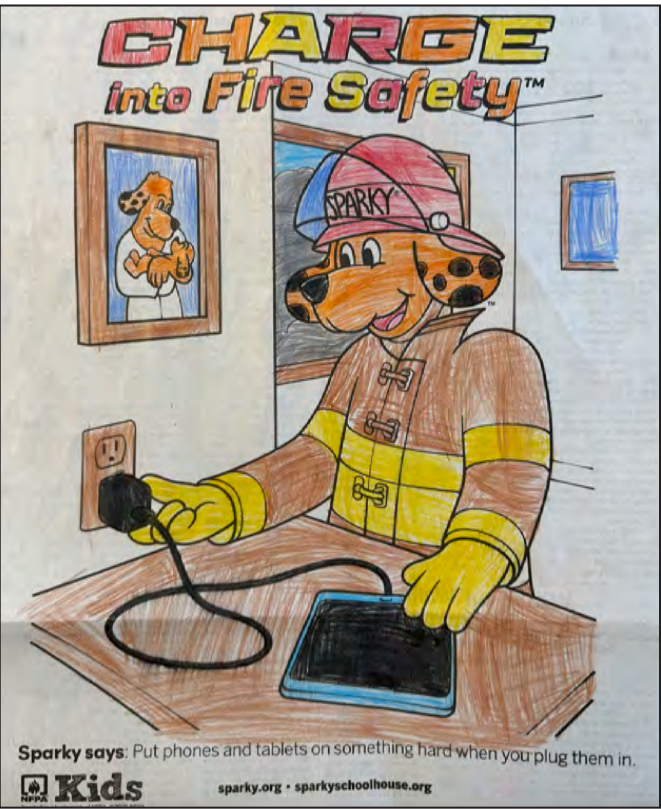
“The Discernment of Spirits, An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living” by Timothy M. Gallagher, OMC.

Death Notice

Gerald Schlenker
Minnewaukan, N.D.

Gerald D. Schlenker, 81, of Minnewaukan, N.D., passed away peacefully, Friday, October 10, 2025, at his home under the care of hospice, after a courageous battle with thyroid cancer. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October

18, 2025 at the North Viking Lutheran Church in Mad-dock, N.D. with Pastor Cassie Borges officiating. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., followed by 7 p.m. prayer service on Friday, October 17, 2025 at the North Viking Lutheran Church. Burial was at the North Viking Lutheran Cemetery following the reception at the church.



Fire prevention coloring
contest winners announced

Winners of the Fire Prevention Week coloring contest drawing are Lyla Swart, Everan Gonzalez, Crew Allmaras, Jackson Risovi and Brekken Zeltinger. Thank you to all the kids who participated. This year we had a record 48 entries. The winners will receive a Halloween goodie bag from the Transcript. Pictured above is Jackson Risovi's coloring sheet.

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construction activities” said Munce Tronsgard, Director of Project Development for PRC Wind.

“Gravel roads in and accessing the project area will be maintained during construction and fully restored afterward, as detailed in the road use agreements and under the oversight of the relevant county authorities,” she added.

Meanwhile, work is also underway to obtain the necessary permits. Flickertail Wind will need if they want to begin construction on schedule.

PRC Wind will have to acquire permits from each of the townships within the project's footprint who do their own zoning, as well as both Eddy and Wells counties and ultimately the N.D. Public Service Commission.

White told commissioners that they'll begin with permit applications to the townships, and work their way up through the various layers of government.

“The township permit applications we anticipate going in this quarter, late October possibly into early November” he said. “... Then the county permit applications will follow shortly after, so sort of in parallel but a little bit delayed.”

White then began speaking about the general permit timeline for the project, but was cut off by commissioner Glenda Collier, who appeared to be enforcing the new ordinance limiting public comment to three minutes per person.

However, White was not speaking during the public comment period – he was on the agenda itself, and therefore not subject to a time limit. None of the other commissioners intervened, however, and White left the room without finishing his update.

When asked after the meeting why White was asked to stop speaking, Collier said she was following the lead of commissioner Jamie Allmaras, who she said approached Larry Danduran

ahead of a July meeting and told him he couldn't speak for more than three minutes.

The Transcript reached out to PRC Wind after the meeting to receive further updates on the project that White was unable to share publicly.

In their response, they said the permitting process is projected to take around 75 days per jurisdiction and that design work on the project is still being finalized. It remains to be seen how a number of appeals filed in district court might impact timelines and regulations.

Regarding environmental studies, PRC Wind said “cultural resources survey teams” were active and conducting fall field surveys October 8-15, and that wetland delineation teams will be mobilizing around October 27. They added that crop loss prevention is offered to landowners, and that landowners may request no vehicle access on post-harvest fields.

Meanwhile, PRC Wind representatives also provided a brief update on the

community benefit agreement, which promises to bring upward of \$22 million to local communities.

“A prior Letter of Intent is becoming a formal, binding agreement, to be administered by the New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation (NRABC). The agreement includes community funding prior to construction, at the construction start, after completion, and annually through the project's lifespan,” states PRC Wind.

Additionally, PRC Wind representatives confirmed that they'll be working with local contractors during the project's construction phase, and that they've established a “local services file” to connect the project construction team with local services and suppliers.

Any local businesses interested in being included in the local services file can reach out to PRC Wind's project team by calling Lucas Buerkley at (701) 541-4085.

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5 p.m. TOPS
12 p.m. November newsletter
deadline
-- Wednesday, October 22 --
6 p.m. Worship/
Communion
7 p.m. LIFT! Theme Event
-- Thursday, October 23 --
6 p.m. GriefShare Class
Breakout Lunch
-- Friday, October 24 --
Church office closed
-- Sunday, October 26 --
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10 a.m. Worship/
Reformation Sunday
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New Life Fellowship
Rural Tolna
Pastor Jeff Kapelle
http://newlife fellowshipnd.com
-- Sunday --
10:30 a.m. Worship
Watch Live on the New Life
Fellowship Facebook page
Dinner 2nd Sunday
-- Tuesday --
10 a.m. Prayer Meeting
1 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

St. John's Catholic Church
New Rockford
Father Reese Weber
Confessions:
Sat. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
*Rosary 30 minutes before
all Masses*
-- Saturday Mass --
5 p.m.
-- Sunday Mass --
8:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday
10:30 a.m. 2nd, 4th Sunday

**First Congregational
Church**
New Rockford
Pastor Mindy Meier
-- Sunday --
10 a.m. Worship

Evangelical Free Church
New Rockford
Pastor Joe Greiner
https://nrefreechurch.org
-- Wednesday --
3:30-5 p.m. Lifesavers
7:30 p.m. Youth Group
-- Sunday --
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
Mens & Womens Bible
Study information
available upon request

Morning Star Parish
Pastor Bethany Wurtz
-- Sunday, October 26 --
10:30 a.m. Morning Star
Parish Dinner at ALC

**Kvernes Lutheran
Church**
Rural Carrington
Pastor Rick Loewen
-- Sunday --
9 a.m. Worship

Tri-County Ministry
Lay Ministers: Marla Larson,
Truley Trautman, Marvin
Goplen and Gilbert Black
-- Sunday, October 26 --
8:30 a.m. Trinity Lutheran
Church, Binford
10:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran
Church, Grace City

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St. Peter and Paul Church
McHenry
Father Reese Weber
-- Sunday Mass --
8:30 a.m. 2nd, 4th Sunday
10:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th
-- Sunday Confessions --
8 to 8:30 a.m. before the
8:30 a.m. Mass

**Sheyenne-Oberon
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Pastor Jeff Halvorson
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