

In the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

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Recognizing God in the Everyday

We are given many opportunities during the day to see the Face of God in our daily ministries. Several co-ministers have already shared their "Godmoments" and they are awesome! This month, with their permission, I will share two stories of recognizing God in the everyday.

Please send me <u>your</u> stories. God is doing great things in our midst through each of you and we want to celebrate these stories of faith in action.

This first story comes from Holy Family Institute.

"An elderly man came to the office to enroll in our energy assistance program. He was out of work but hoped to start working again. It seemed very important to him that I was aware that he could work, and was willing to work, when there was work.

After we were finished with the computer aspect of the appointment, I gave him the paperwork and said he might need it to explain the program to his wife whom he listed on the application. He looked at the ground and quietly shared a very personal story about his present life. I said simply, "It must be so difficult for you." Then the elderly gentlemen, whose hands were stained with years of toil, filled with tears and replied in a whisper, "Yes."

There was a long silence while we both processed the exchange we just shared. He shared the most private aspect of his life...and I listened. It was brief but powerful. We finished and he stood up to leave and offered his well-worn hand to thank me. It was a hand I will long remember." This second story comes from Nazareth Academy High School.

"Jim Meredith, principal of NAHS, meets regularly with the students. He greets the students every morning as they enter, and wishes them well at the end of the day. His purpose is to be there each day to see their faces and greet them."

Do <u>you</u> have a story of how God has worked in your life or how you have seen God present and active in your ministry? Please send it to me for good news needs to be shared!

I hope to hear from you and the many ways that God is present to you! Let's rejoice in the the presence and goodness of God among us!

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