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The Road Less Taken. By Carl E. Beyer

I walk on a road which is about one mile outside of Northern Meadows. I have never seen a vehicle on this road nor any human footprints. So as I walk along I thought how this relates to us Roman Catholics. We walk the roads less taken. Unlike the Government in our lives we do not have a separation of church and us. Every action, at all times, needs to reflect our beliefs and we will be judged on these.

Let cover several different areas where this applies.

First is business. My most disliked statement is "It's just business". No, it is never just business. How you treat your co-workers, clients, vendors etc reflect on your Christians beliefs. When we are told to live our beliefs no one said "Except when working". If an adult industry comes to me and I can get rich selling them PCs, can I justify it that someone will just sell them the PCs anyway. No, what I do and support reflects my beliefs. Dirty money is dirty money. Think of your core beliefs the next time you leave your morals at home to go to work.

Second is political. How can you separate your beliefs from who you vote for? If you stand by and support the pro-choice candidates does not that mean you support pro-choice. Think about it.

Thirdly is personal. Nothing is more apparent than when you out and about town and you are rude, inconsiderate, etc and then you realize you just came from church. Carry with you what you hear at church, live what you believe. Be the person that people wants to inquire about your beliefs and you are able to bring them to the church.

And lastly is the almighty dollar. Ever hear of tithing? I know, I know, you have that huge house payment, you have that new car payment, you have, you have, you have.... Maybe that is the problem. Where is your dollars going? Do you think about donating to the church and charity? For the less than \$30 dollars a month you can make a mountain of different supporting a kid through "Christian Foundation for Children and Aging" or "World Vision". Or let support a local (USA) kid through the "Christian Appalachian Project". It's not hard and is literally under a dollar a day for any of these and of course there are so many more.

OUCH, oops just fell off my high horse. So go forth, smile, spread the joy, and be that shining Christian example that walks the road less taken.

God Bless You and your family.