

The Pen, the Drawer and the Missed Opportunity

“I have always liked nice pens. When I was young, our family used to go to a restaurant that had a pen dispenser. I remember liking the Parker Big Red Pen, Cross pens, and other nice pens.....”

Several years ago, I was really impressed with the Mont Blanc Meisterstuck roller ball pen! I looked online and coveted that fine writing implement!!

I was overjoyed when I opened a present from my wife that Christmas! Yes, a beautiful Mont Blanc pen. It was incredible; writing with it was such a joy! But after I had used it briefly, I returned it to its fancy case and put it carefully in my bedroom drawer. I didn't want to take the chance of losing it! Here, I had the pen of my dreams, and I relegated it to a drawer. It may seem crazy to hide something that is to be used, but we do this all the time.

We have the capacity for love and compassion, but when we harbor anger, bitterness, or hatred toward others, we miss opportunities to express that love and compassion to them. When we hold grudges after we have been wronged, we miss opportunities to offer forgiveness. Or when we see someone with a need but miss opportunities to be generous.

I hope we won't put opportunities in a drawer, as I did with my Mont Blanc pen, and never use them. Take advantage of opportunities to make a difference in someone else's life today!

With blessings and peace,
Chaplain Glen