



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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This week I spent much of my prayer time reading and meditating on the virtue of HUMILITY. It is wonderfully refreshing to meet, know, work or live with a truly humble person. By a humble person I don't mean the one who is afraid to talk, or be seen, or express his opinion. I mean a person who knows and accepts who he is before God and others and doesn't try to be anything else. I mean a person who is selfless, kind, unassuming, and who cares more about what God thinks than what anyone else thinks. Below I would like to share with you two quotes about humility from two early fathers of the Church. Simple but powerful. On another note, I'll be away this week on vacation. I hope to get some exercise, fresh air, extra sleep and extra prayer time! I hope to come back next weekend to be a better, and more HUMBLE priest and pastor. Count on my prayers for you and your families. Fr. Urbano, Fr. Livinus, and Fr. Edward will all be here while I'm away.

God bless!!

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"There are two kinds of humility, as the holy fathers teach: to deem oneself the lowest of all beings and to ascribe to God all one's good actions. The first is the beginning, the second the end." (St. Gregory of Sinai) "...we have never achieved anything good on our own, but all good things are ours from God by grace, and come as it were from nothingness into being. For 'what do you have which you did not receive?' asks St. Paul - receive, that is, freely from God; 'and if you received it, why do you boast as if you had not received it' (I Cor. 4:7), but had achieved it by yourself? Yet by yourself you cannot achieve anything, for the Lord has said: 'Without Me, you can do nothing' (John 15:5)." (St. Peter of Damascus)