

The Big Plan

Good morning God!

Looks like its going to be a nice day.

OK, so yesterday we listened about making a big plan
We're old you know. I'm 87 one of the younger ones in
this house!

Did you know?

We did call on you.

Oh, these darn old shoes are getting smaller week by
week.

Or are my feet getting bigger

Now that I am 87?

But I do have to help I guess, to create it, they say, with
my personal ideas and of course talking it over with you
God.

Your creative Holy Spirit is lively in us.

So, here I am.

And now that I am nearly dressed
I really need to talk to you more intensely about this so-
called big plan.

Whatever this plan is going to be!

What will it do for us?

O well, it looks like CRS will look after it.

But

Will they listen to my little personal concern?

I can't drive anymore they told me.

They, being those in charge of us!

Though my license is valid until 2025.

And what about money?

How much will go to different endowments?

And maybe the Bishop will want some it.

And us!

Will I have some in my wallet to

Get some new clothes?

I really do look like a

Hag.

Well let's look at the plan.

Does it say something about whether I can go to the

Symphony, the retreat or out to dinner?

Dear me, I sure hope so.

Can I make up my own mind what I want to do or

Is it just whatever administration decides?

How's that going to work?

Are the joys in life reserved only for a few?

Life is a picnic, you know, a celebration, a holy time
We're told.

Are they simply going to make us play those games like
bingo or

Words, words, or chair yoga?

Are our hopes, interests, gifts, being dismantled no
matter what you say or do?

Can I shift my thought, remembering in faith my Ursuline
heritage and fill it with joy, with wisdom
Because of the Plan?

Now to guide my life with joyous contentment, relief,
strong faith

Can I hear you, my Sister and absorb your perfect plan?
Will I learn to be aware of life as it is
Or should be?

Ah yes,
We zoom away, idea after idea,
Question after question.
When all we need is
Love, hope and some licorice.

I guess, God, I should get serious here:
Here we are only about 33 of us and only about 5 or 6
below 80.

WOW!

In this plan I have to put a clause of course
That those who will lead us will need to understand our
vision, our mission as
Ursulines of Prelate –
TO EDUCATE FOR LIFE!
How will they do that?

Will there be ambition for us to continue to be
Educators whose vision and action will continue to bring
others (and oneself) to new life daily,
In who we are, how we present our ourselves, how we
love, pray and encourage?

That is a whole book of theology of course!

Or

Will we just administrate our funds, our place of
residence, our care-givers?
Will the big plan begin from the primary premise of the
individual, the community, -
Honoring the dignity and reverence that they deserve?
No matter their diminishing?

So now we will pray and ponder our core beliefs as
Ursulines.

Are they really in harmony with what our big plan will
be?

Let's examine one by one and discern if they are really
true.

You can ask any question - no one will think less of you
and maybe not more of you either.

So what!

Define what you are - really desire within yourself.

Write it out if you can

Speak it out.

It will help to reshape your own mind.

And ours too.

Can we clearly see, hear, smell and touch each idea in
the big plan?

Taste your ideas!

Yes God, we will savor every thought, word and action.

We need to paint our lives, our big plan, with a kind of a
new found living drama.

And I know God, that
it brings up a serious issue:

We do need to give up thinking we still own what we
have sold or given away!

Whatever happens to it is no longer our responsibility.

That thought sounds cruel.

But it is true.

We no longer have that property or that administration!
Will we give up our attachment for we have no more say.

It's no longer ours.

The *memories* are ours and we savor them.

OK

God of wisdom and love, you live within me, within all of
us.

And we are counting on you, your Spirit, to lead the way
To a beautiful, practical and truthful
Big Plan!

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