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LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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*Sr. Maria Celina reaches for the highest fruit.*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Every priest has the desire to make his apostolate bear fruit. Indeed, one of the most common reflections of a priest during his daily meditation is upon how he might make his apostolate bear fruit in the day ahead. Usually such thoughts are distractions because the priest considers only the material aspect of his apostolate: buildings, finances, projects, the ‘things to do’ list, etc.. The spiritual side, the founding of his apostolate on an increasingly holy and personal relationship with our Blessed Lord—an assimilation to Christ—is so easily forgotten.

Also forgotten is that the fruit of his apostolate depends not only upon his own holiness (which makes him a useful instrument in God’s hands), but upon the holiness of those around him: his fellow priests, religious brothers and sisters, faithful, together with his family and friends. Indeed, many priests are supported by a small army of spiritual benefactors without whom their apostolic zeal would be but tinkling cymbals.

So if a priest wants to make his apostolate bear fruit, then holiness is the foundation, ...but wait a minute, isn’t holiness the fruit as well?

May we all grow in holiness.

In Jesu et Maria,

Rev. Robert Brucciani.