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**“THE REDEEMING ACTION OF GOD”**

Some villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

**That is faith.**



When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

**That is trust.**



Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up.

**That is hope.**



We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

**That is confidence.**



On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience."

**That is attitude.**



We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children.

**That is love.**



As I reflect on those words, I am amazed and filled with joy about the grace of God that moved the hearts of young members within the two communities of the Arnold Family, SVD and SSPS, here in the United States. With generosity of heart they said yes to God when they renewed their vows, pronounced their first and final vows. With great trust in God's grace some were ordained to be a priests and with confidence in God's abiding love they set out to be partners in His divine mission.

We smile as we remember that God is determined to make us more than we thought we could be. The response to that invitation always begins with a personal experience of being attracted to something and being captivated by it. The desire that constantly moves us forward in seeking the face of God and to put our whole attention and intention into God's vision is the sure sign that we are in love with God and God's mission.

I believe that our love relationship with God will help us to open or even tear down the curtains which separate us often and in many ways from seeing the face of God in the many faces of others who we are called to journey with and to serve. Then, in union with God, we create the space to share our faith. And in this Spirit we will experience God's redeeming action in us.