Do you know what a sacrament is? If you don’t know, ask your Catholic friends to explain it to you. Hopefully, you’ll hear them talk about means of grace... ways in which God seems to come to us, bless us, form us, and heal us. There are sacraments in the Church... a few holy and blessed things lifted up as holy and blessed things.

But these few things, holy and blessed, are a signal to us about how holy and blessed all things are. We lift up a few sacramental things so that we might see that all creation is sacramental. “Christ plays in ten thousand places,” as Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, reminding us that our faith is all about God in what can be seen and heard and handled. Christianity is incarnational... it’s a religion where the Divine gets involved.

There are so many benefits to “being involved” at Baylor. Being involved... is an antidote for loneliness, is a way to make new friends and life-long friends, becomes a lab for learning things like leadership, promotes a future network of contacts and references, typically raises GPAs, and in general, can be a heck of a lot of fun.

Very few come to college just to go to class. Most are dreaming of much more... so they get involved.

I want to suggest to you that, in addition to all of the above, involvement is a holy thing... a means of grace... a sacramental way of doing life. When you get involved you are acting on the deeper DNA within you. You are reflecting the Divine image within you, which again, is all about involvement.

Isolationism, individualism, me-myself-and-lism... all of these can be and become paths to half-lives. You... alone at your desk, disconnected from community, untouched and untouched, uninvolved... will likely lead to a lesser version of yourself. (A “Mini-Me” as Dr. Evil would say.)

Our faith tells us that we’re like God and God is utterly relational... always connected... ever incarnational... and by any biblical definition, INVOLVED.

So, as you pursue this or that group and they pursue you... As you look into this organization or that society... As you “shop” for the right church and search for the right cause, be mindful that involvement is not only a way to be happy at Baylor but to be whole and hopefully even holy. Your involvement is mirroring a greater, ultimate and complete Involvement. Get involved and mirror your Maker.

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