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| **Saint Simon Catholic Parish Lenten Retreat****“Keeping Time … Sacred” Monday, March 13, 2023**The world needs more YOU in it.In her speeches, Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Children’s Defense Fund, reminds us that a lot of people these days are still waiting for Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa or Mahatma Gandhi to come back–but they are gone.We are it.It is up to us now. It is up to you. More than ever before, our world needs more goodness, more kindness, more caring, more action, more “you” in it.John F. Kennedy said that one person can make a difference, and every person must try. What if each of us really tried? What if each of us spontaneously decided that, one by one, we really can be the better world we wish for?This is our time,Yours and mine.You have important discoveries to make.Now is the time to make them.You have important talents to develop.Now is the time to develop them,You have important gifts to give to the world.Now is the time to give them. -Unknown | **Closing Prayer “ONE”**How many people does it take to make a difference?OneOne song can spark a momentOne flower can wake the dreamOne tree can start a forestOne bird can herald springOne smile begins a friendshipOne handclasp lifts a soulOne star can guide a ship at seaOne word can frame the goalOne vote can change a nationOne sunbeam lights a roomOne candle wipes out darknessOne laugh will conquer gloomOne step must start each journeyOne word must start a prayerOne hope will raise our spiritsOne touch can show you careOne voice can speak with wisdomOne heart can know what’s trueOne life can make a differenceThat difference starts with you.-Unknown |