

May 1



"Your Honour, I want to bring to your attention how unfair it is for my client to be accused of theft. He arrived in New York City a week ago and barely knows his way around. What's more, he only speaks a few words of English." The Judge looks at the defendant and says, "How much English can you speak?"

The defendant looks up and says, "Give me your wallet!"

A woman goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is written. The obit. editor informs her that the fee for the obituary is 50 cents a word. She pauses, reflects and then says, Well then, let it read "Fred Brown died."

Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a 7 word minimum for all obituaries. Only a little flustered, she thinks things over and in a few seconds says, In that case, let it read, "Fred Brown died: 1983 Pickup for sale"

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## ~ Saints Speak ~

We must pray literally without ceasing - without ceasing; in every occurrence and employment of our lives. You know I mean that prayer of the heart which is independent of place or situation, or which is, rather, a habit of lifting up the heart to God, as in a constant communication with Him.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, 1774-1821, American, Religious Founder, Sisters of Charity

Let your door stand open to receive God, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light.

**St. Ambrose**, 339-397, Bishop of Milan, Doctor of the Church

The power to appreciate and to open the heart is indispensable to the awakening and the maintenance of the mystical appetite. But all the raptures they bring put together are not so effective as the icy chill of a disappointment in knowing that you alone, my God, are stable. It is through sorrow, and not through joy, that your Godhead gradually assumes, in our sentient faculty, the higher Reality in the nature of things.

**Teilhard de Chardin, SJ**, *Writings in Times of War*, French, palaeontologist, theologian