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Many of us, I think, have read the beautiful biography of Cecelia that was printed earlier this week in the Press-Journal. After Mass concludes, Tricia is going to eulogize Cecelia, So, now, you and I, we won't focus on her life. Instead we will focus on our lives. These sentences from Our Lord, complement one another. It talks clearly about what our life is all about. You can't have one of these sentences without the other. It's not an either-or, it's a both-and. In the first sentence, Jesus tells us: "I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus is inviting us to an abundant life. No matter what age or stage in life in which I might find myself, I am invited to spend my life as well as I can; that each day, I give it my best shot. I spend in the best way that I know how, as I go through the days and the years of my life. "I have come that you might have life and have it

abundantly!" The second sentence complements the first! Jesus says: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. Otherwise why would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place there for you. I am indeed going there to prepare a place there for you and then I shall come back and take you with me so that where I am there also you may be." Jesus tells us, in his Father's house, you and I call that heaven, in his Father's house, he has prepared a place there, in heaven, for each of us. And then at the day and hour of our death, he will come to take us with him to be where he is; to be in heaven. So we live our lives abundantly on earth. We just take each day, no matter how old, young, well, not-so-well, we are, we take each day and we spend it as well as we can, until the day and the hour when this life is no more and Jesus takes us to the place he has prepared for us in heaven. This life, the ups and the downs, the joys and the sorrows, the trials and the triumphs – we do the best that we can. The next life is endless ecstasy – that's how heaven is described – endless ecstasy. The two go together: can't have one without the other; you try to do the best you can, spending each day of life here. And then you spend all days, all eternity in life there!