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Salus Animarum Suprema Lex Esto (Canon Law 175)

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law in the Church

Trust God

Nothing happens to you except that God either *wills it* or *permits it*.

Nothing!

You fear, you worry, and you are anxious because you have not understood this.

Perhaps you can understand this: you truly understand nothing, not even yourself — and you are perplexed that you do not understand God? Has He not told you that His ways are not your ways?

You purpose to do one thing, and despite your most careful calculations something entirely unanticipated ensues. The world, you find if you eventually grow wise, does not conform to your will, but contends with it, even opposes it! Your life is ever in contention with life in general — and could you, you would subdue it, constrain it to conform to your will, to submit, surrender, to your desires — all the while utterly blind to the remote consequences of anything that you would do.

Only God sees all ends

In whom, then will you trust?

You are endowed with freedom, which is a perfection given you by God. Your life has been and will continue to be, defined by the exercise of this freedom in the choices that you make. You are compelled to nothing — in all things you are preeminently free. The options before you may or may not be to your liking, but you must choose among them. You do not define the options ... only the choices, which in turn define you.

Ultimately, in every situation involving a choice, you have two far more fundamental choices that will precede everything you will subsequently elect, opt for, choose: *your will* or *God's will* — what *you* want for yourself, or what *God* wants of you.

When they converge the result is sanctity. When they diverge, the result is sin.

If your will coincides, and converges, with the will of God, only good can ensue.

Why?

Because only God is indefectible in goodness. You are not.

That is also why you can trust God. *The will of God is always good* — and He alone sees all ends.

It cannot be otherwise.

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