

Deacon's Beacons

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And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32

This is near the end of St. Paul's farewell speech to Miletus. He has taught them and now he is leaving for Jerusalem and expects to suffer for the faith. But he leaves the Church in the hands of God. We can all work hard for the Kingdom of God but, in the end, it is the power of God that makes it happen. We are not in any way to boast about the success of any mission. We must do what is necessary and then get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit take charge. But, in doing so, we must remain faithful to the Church. That is what St. Paul is telling the people of Miletus and the same message resounds with us today. There will be distractions, detractors and even scandals but the message of the Gospel must rise above all of that.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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