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Dear Prefix First Name Last Name,

From the holy Gospel according to John, for the second Sunday in Ordinary time;

John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God."  
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.  
Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
"What are you looking for?" ~ 1:35-38

Most people want to be happy. But as more and more people seek happiness in the things of the world, they are becoming more anxious, depressed and despairing.

"To modern men and women, often dissatisfied with a shallow and ephemeral existence, and in search of authentic happiness and love, Christ offers his own example and issues the invitation to follow Him. He asks those who hear his voice to give their lives for others. This sacrifice is a source of self-fulfillment and joy, as is seen in the eloquent example of those men and women who, leaving all security behind, have not hesitated to risk their lives as missionaries in different parts of the world. It can also be seen in the response of those young people who, prompted by faith, have embraced a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life in order to serve God's plan of salvation.

–John Paul II, Holy Father's Message for Lent, 2003

As you continue to be a light to the world showing and teaching people the true source of happiness, know that we continue to pray for you daily, that you are strengthened in the love of God and neighbor as you continue to lead souls to Heaven.

Your brothers in Christ,  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action