

Random Thoughts

So I've been slacking on my posts so I just thought I'd throw some thoughts out there and see what sticks:

- First off I want to express my public gratitude to my Aunt Debra. Last weekend was my Toastmasters Debate. Myself and 4 other guys were the Pro team in a debate open to the entire prison. Aunt Deb was my go to person for some internet research I needed and I'm happy to report that we were victorious. The subject was "The American Media does not work in the best interest of the American Public."

- I've gotten a lot of comments about my Liturgical Dance production coming up on Good Friday. Well since many of you ask about it and thankfully none of you will be able to see it, here's another update: All the preparation is driving me crazy, but I'm ready for my big solo. I started growing a beard on Ash Wednesday to get more of an apostle look. It's now thick and full and hot and itchy and annoying! Ugh! This is the longest Lent ever. I can't wait to put this behind me.

- My buddy James Keown randomly volunteered his NCAA tournament prediction to me the day before it started. I actually didn't get involved in any pools or anything this year so I hadn't talked about it much. Anyways, he tells me Kansas vs. Missouri in the Finals. A day later Missouri becomes the 3rd #2 seed in history to lose to a #15. I'd love to tell you I was the bigger man and let him off the hook, but I wasn't.

- Speaking of James, he now has a Facebook account and it should have a link to this site...so check it out.

- Gillis left on Tuesday 3/13 and may not be coming back. His schedule got bumped up. He's at NEADS for a week to be evaluated and depending on their assessment of where he will be best suited to work, he could not come back at all or come back and stay until July. I'll let you all know as soon as I know.

- I was hoping to post some new pictures. I took a few with my mother, my aunt Cathy, and Gillis. That was several weeks ago. Mom was supposed to get the pictures copied and send them to me. Unfortunately, she hasn't. Now you might think this is me calling her out, but honestly, she doesn't read my blog...that would involve her working a computer.

- It's been really cool hearing from people from my past. I asked my cousin Justin to reach out to a bunch of people on Facebook and although I never actually heard back from him (hint hint Justin) I did hear from

several of the people I asked him to contact so I can only assume he did it. Thanks.

- A while back I wrote about my entry into the Order of St. Dominic. Well, it continues and is going really well. It has been enlightening and I've learned a lot in a short time. The chapter here actually has a Spiritual Director who travels to visit with us from Providence College. Father Nicanor Austriaco is a Dominican Friar who teaches at PC. He recently told us about turning down a job offer to stay at PC. He says part of the reason was to continue to work with us here at MCI-Norfolk. But I suspect that the real reason is he is excited about PC's new basketball coach...hometown boy Ed Cooley...and their top 5 in the nation recruiting class for next year. He just wanted to be around when PC Basketball returns to glory. I can't blame him. Go PC!!!

- I'm back to running 6 days a week now. Ugh! I have no motivation this year, but the Norfolk Runners Club holds its first race on April 1 so I have to get moving. Watch for NRC results on here if you have any interest in my running. Somebody must, right?

- I'm in a Fantasy Baseball league. Our draft is March 31 and I have the 5th pick. The top 4 guys are supposedly taking Troy Tulowitzki, Miguel Cabrera, Matt Kemp, and Albert Pujols. I have no idea who I want. Any advice?

Well I guess that's all I have for now. I really enjoy getting responses so please contact me with anything that comes to mind. I try to reply to all responses. I need to do so in a more timely fashion, but hey, I'm working on it.

until next time...