



The concept of perseverance takes on new meaning as we live through this challenging time of pandemic. We each experience our ups and downs and we each find ways to cope with our emotions. Most of us are finding alternative joys in different and small ways. For example, I can't go to the theater, but I can enjoy watching Hamilton on Disney Plus. I can't go to the movies, but I can lose myself in a good book. I can't have a face-to-face meeting with the Lay Assumptionists, but I can connect with them through a Zoom meeting. I can find peace walking the trails of Sturbridge or participating in an outdoor Mass at St. Anne's-St. Patrick's in Fiskdale.

I would venture to say, that we are looking at life differently and treasuring the small things more and more. This calls to mind one of my favorite quotes: "Enjoy the little things in life, because one day you will look back, and realize they were the big things."

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