Daily Homily

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One of my favorite lines in a movie is a line that isn't even spoken by anyone. It's a line that shows up on a wall hanging in the background. The same quote was given to me by one of my brothers and it hangs in my kitchen.

The quote is this: All that you can take with you is that which you have given away.

It's a wall hanging that can be found in Peter Bailey's office in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

It's a simple, powerful life lesson. One that the widow in the Gospel embodies today. She gives her livelihood. What a word! I'm not sure we find this word anywhere else in the Gospels. However, what we do find is the meaning of that word being put into action over and over again. So many give their livelihood, coming together, culminating in what Jesus gave – His everything... even in this Eucharist... His livelihood, His everything for us.

What's our livelihood? How can we give it away today?