

Daily Homily
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Memorial
31 Ordinary Time, Friday
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This image of the Good Shepherd... awhile ago I told this story about a statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd that was outside, on the hilltop, in the far back grounds of the seminary. It seemed each time we returned after summer break, the statue was more and more in ruin from vandalism. Eventually, whatever was left, was removed all together. This year the statue is back, fully restored, and in a more prominent, public spot on the grounds of the seminary.

The statue embodies Jesus who sacrificed his life, time and time again, and eventually and ultimately did so on the cross. The statue represents Jesus who doesn't leave us to our own devices, especially when wolves threaten and breathe down our necks. The statue stands restored and resurrected as a symbol on the grounds of the seminary ... to show future priests what they must go through and what they must become.

Jesus in this Eucharist is our Shepherd ... He knows us, He doesn't run when the wolves show up, He has concern for us, and bottom line, He holds up our life over His own life... this is why He is so good.