

# Magnanimity: "a great-souled person OED: "Great in courage; nobly brave or valiant. High-souled; nobly ambitious; lofty of purpose; noble in feeling or conduct....nobly ambitious spirit." Latin, magnus – large, great; plus animus – mind, soul.

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## Pusillanimity:

- "a small-souled person"
- Random House Webster's Dictionary:
  "lacking courage or resolution; cowardly; faint-hearted; a cowardly spirit."
- Latin, pusillus, very small, petty; plus animus, spirit, soul.

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"God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them . . . God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good..."

Genesis 1:27, 31

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- \* I am created in God's own image and likeness;
- \* 1 am created very good;
- I am created to do great things great things.

### Summa Theologica:

Magnanimity makes a man deem himself worthy of great things in consideration of the gifts he holds from God...

On the other hand, humility makes a man think little of himself in consideration of his own deficiency...Yet humility makes us honor others and esteem them better than ourselves, in so far as we see some of God's gifts in them.

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**Pusillanimity** means 'smallness of soul;' its 'faintheartedness' shrinks back in the face of challenge and difficulty. Its main effect is inaction...

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...a fear-filled defect of the fainthearted that causes men and women to bury their gifts and talents... cringe from their own greatness more than from their own littleness; they are more afraid to let their own light shine than they are of the looming darkness.

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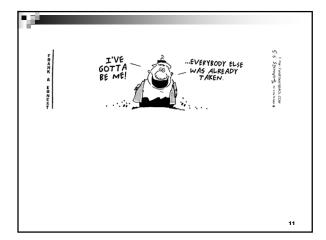
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# **Prayer of Spring**

"I live with a stronger hope for the possibilities that lie hidden within things, situations, and people."

Fr. Charles Cummings, OCSD

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■ Comfort Zone is safe, secure, comfortable and no significant accomplishments occur in the Comfort Zone.

 Risk Zone is a stretch, its risky, but is only are where any accomplishments will occur.

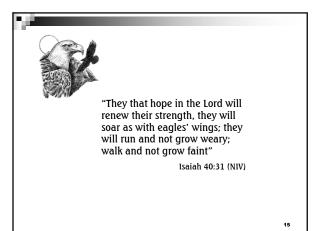
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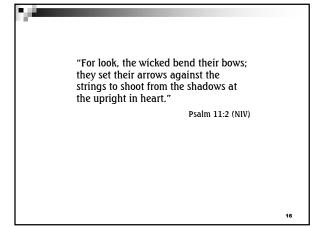
"Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes; lesser ones exist on wishes and inclinations. The most glowing successes are but reflections of an inner fire."

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### In summary:

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