



Back to School and Other Things

School is already in full swing, leaves are just beginning to change color a bit, parish organizations are resuming their monthly meetings and everyone is asking, "Where did the summer go?" Seasons go by so quickly and often many people feel particularly saddened by the end of summer. Perhaps there is a touch of sadness in knowing that those vacation trips we looked forward to for so long are now over. Perhaps we are realizing we have to begin putting outdoor furniture back into storage. Many of us do not even want to think about getting sweaters and winter clothing back into our wardrobe. For many, summer unofficially ended on Labor Day, but our calendars tell us that fall begins on September 22...so we have a few days of summer left!

Fall can be a beautiful time of year with the changing colors, but it can also be a time for renewal and getting back to things we may have neglected over the summer. We should certainly thank our Lord for the summer season, for the relaxation and outdoor activities so many of us enjoy. We now begin to enter a new season, and fall offers new possibilities and opportunities for growth. May this fall be a time of spiritual renewal for us: a time to get back to our meetings, our classes, our commitments. Hopefully we did not move far away from the Lord Jesus during the summer. If we have, let us once again return to Him, and ask for His grace as we strive to become the people we have been created to be.

Father David