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"The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions" (1 Kings 10:1)

The queen of Sheba was intrigued, enamored with the wisdom of Solomon. She went to great lengths to visit and listen to Solomon's words of wisdom. What if you could visit with one of the wisdom figures in the community? Whom would you choose? What kind of questions might you ask him or her? Or would you perhaps go on your own wisdom quest? Look for the wisdom gained each day within yourself as you interact with the people who live the ministry of reconciliation? What is the wisdom that you learn as you navigate the times in which we live? Wisdom is the gift gained from experience that gives each person knowledge and good judgment. We have all had many experiences in our life from which we gain wisdom. I pray that we can harvest the wisdom that our years have given us.

Our Precious Blood communities have much wisdom to share with and in today's world. The challenge of today's Gospel is to examine what we put into our hearts. It calls us to bring forth goodness. In searching for the wisdom and goodness in one another we can avoid the traps that degrade a person. May our experiences and the wisdom we have gleaned seed the church we are called to serve. May our personal worlds be seeded with wisdom this day!

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