

# CLANCY'S CLICHÉ'S



Romeo and Juliet had everything going against them, yet their love endured. Some say they were silly to just go and kill themselves for each other, yet, isn't that what Christ is to us, and what Christ is to us through each other? Romeo and Juliet looked beyond the boundaries of their upbringing and opened their hearts to the full gift that made up each other without imposing their own expectations or "fix" each other. There was no dishonesty in their love for each other - only full, total, unconditional acceptance.

Like snowflakes, there are different individual characteristics in each one of us, *"Thou art thyself"*. No labels, no pigeon-holing, no freeze-dried cookie cutters. Yet, start a clump of snow rolling down a big hill and you create a wonderfully large base for a snowdog! If we are the snowflakes, in a short time we can become a bigger force than any of us individually could accomplish. And, as snowflakes, we have the potential for snowballing change, going beyond the boundaries and spreading out beautifully blanketed landscapes that unify our world as Romeo and Juliet tried to do.

Since Lent begins on Valentine's Day, what a perfect time to become more deeply rooted in love, in loving one another, and reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice of love for us. Alas, *"it is nor hand, nor foot, nor arm, nor face, nor any other part belonging to a man. O, be some other name. What's in a name?"* Cannot we Love One Another as Christ loves us? Cannot we simply love the snowflake in each other? Wherefore art thou? Let's get rolling!

Lenten Intention Suggestions:

- Put your Love Glasses on and use them every day
- Remember some days you're the dog and some days you're the hydrant. It's OK.
- Stop thinking about acts of kindness and just do it.
- Keep your eyes open for the heart of the person.
- Forgive and forget - and don't forget to forgive.



**Howlin's hootn';**

**Growlin's not gooten!** - Clancy



## Clancy's Cackles

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Sherwood.  
Sherwood who?  
Sherwood like to be your valentine!

Why did the spider cross the road?  
**It was looking for a new dating website!**

Why did the sensible kangaroo jump off the bridge in Paris?  
**To prove he could be in-Seine.**

What happened to the skunk on Valentine's Day?  
**Never mind - that joke stinks.**

