Clancy's Cliches

May is my favorite month.

Music and cows are favorites of mine, hence this MOOsical commentary. Cows because some folks say I have bovine eyes which makes me just howl at the thought! (What an adjective! Don't they know I'm a dog?) Music because that's my spirit - even though I can't dance well with two left feet. If you don't know squat about music, get the Music for Dummies book—it's quite helpful!

- Music has rests for a particular reason; they help us appreciate the sounds around it. So take a "rest" in the midst of a stressful day or in the busyness of life to recognize the "sounds" surrounding you.
- There are some great musical performers out there who work hard at honing their craft, but even performers know the balance of work and play. Don't live your life always trying so hard; hone your own YOU. Why be Lang Lang when you were created to be Alicia de Larrocha? Enjoy your own performance on your own terms. Get your own groove on!
- Rock-n-Roll really gets things moving and we all know the time-held saying about how a rolling stone gathers no moss. Keep rolling with the punches and discords in life—and avoid that fuzzy stuff. Shake it up!
- Jazz it up! Aroooooooooo! Music can be a science of sorts with timing, pitch of notes, chord structure, and so much more (think Music Theory 101). But forgetaboutit! Never be afraid to jazz up your life with doing something new, changing the paint color in your room, or driving a different way to work or class. There are no mistakes— it's Jazz! Enjoy the unexpected! You'll be saying Aroooooooo, toooooooo!
- Every song, even though there may be similarities, is it's own distinct composition. You have been uniquely created totally different than anyone else and are a beautiful composition. All you need do is let your own special song in your heart be heard.
- And now, I've composed a list of my more inspiring musical quotes:

"Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter."
- John Keats
"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."
- Plato
"Music . . . can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable."
- Leonard Bernstein

Finally, celebrations abound in May: Happy Mothers Day...and...lots of folks who work or visit the rectory are May-Babies! Here's a huge hint for one of those celebrating her birthday: SHE likes FOOD and is here on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, and more often than that! Happy Birthday! Wink, Wink!

Howlin' is hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!

Clancy's Cackles

Knock, knock! Who's there? The Interrupting Cow. The Interrupt-- MOOOOOOOO!!

1. What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck? **Milk and quackers!**
2. What kind of car does a cow drive? **A cattle-ac!**
3. What was the name of the book about a trio of adventurous French cows? **The Three Moo-Sketeers!**
4. Why are pianos hard to open? **The keys are inside!**
5. Why did the fish make such a good musician? **She really knew her scales!**
6. What kind of music do insects like? **Bee – Bop!**
7. Knowing my typical work habits, what band am I perfect for? **Top! Zzzzzzz Zzzzzzzzzzz zzzzzzz**