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Sometimes people ask me how I go about writing my weekly correspondence to you. Do I stockpile ideas? Do I have several essays written in advance, so I don't write every week? Do I compose the email early in the week so my wonderful staff member (who would appreciate remaining nameless) can sign off early on Friday after she loads it and sets the timer for 6 a.m. Saturday?

The answer to all three is no.

One reality is that I am a procrastinator. In my last two years at UVA in the American Studies program, I had a short paper due each session for a class that met twice a week. My routine was to wake up every Monday and Wednesday at 6 a.m., go to Lucky Seven for a Big Gulp, and then go to Bodo's for a bagel. At that point, I would crank out the assignment. (Rest assured, for my thesis, I was more disciplined and wrote it like a normal person.)

The other reality is that each week in my day-to-day life, I never know what is going to inspire me to share with you.

Some weeks, like this one, there are too many to choose. Do I share about the lunch I had at Cristo Rey and the delightful students who led tours? Would you want to hear about the 3rd season Kick-Off Mass and Luncheon of the Women's Giving Circle? Or should I describe the beautiful baby shower I just attended at one of our schools for a beloved administrator?

Or...maybe I'll just end this right now by saying how much I appreciate all of you. Whether you respond or not, the fact that you are reading the email and staying connected means a lot to me.

Almost as much as it means to Moose 😊.

God Bless,

Margaret

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