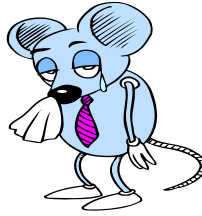


From the Vicar's Desk



Part II

...and (*having been treated for the snakebite*) she returned home with a terrible fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So, the farmer took his hatchet to the farm yard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well. Her condition only worsened and she died.

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall...with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is at risk or is threatened, each of us is at risk and is threatened.

We are all involved in this journey called 'life.' We must keep an eye out for one another and make the extra effort to encourage and to support one another. After all, that's exactly what Christ did for you and for me! He expects no less from us.

*What does it mean to be a **true** Christian? It means to **'be there'**...without having to be asked. That's the way Christ did it.*

Sincerely and in Him, fr. t.