

## **CHANGE & GREATNESS!**

By chance a number of years ago I watched an American talk show called *Donahue* this show was named after the presenter Phil Donahue. He is still alive in America and his show was the first of its type that had audience participation. The show that I watched gave what I thought was a great insight into the human condition that stopped me in my tracks. It was *“that great people have the capacity to motivate others consistently in a microscopic way to move to a better level from where they are.”*

Personal and effective change for most people is difficult to put into effect. So many people (me included) have our own pretexts for often not wanting to change for the better. Some of the reasons that people present for resisting change is that the person presenting the need to change is either too conservative or ascetic or that the person is conversely too liberal and not sufficiently conservative. Any of us can find new pretexts to constantly avoid the difficult task of not wanting to change ourselves for the better.

Jesus of Nazareth knew and mentioned this reality nearly 2,000 years ago, he said so in these words; *“We played wedding songs and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs and you didn’t mourn, John came neither eating nor drinking and you called him possessed I came eating and drinking and you called me a drunkard.”* (Matthew Chapter 11 verse 18 -17) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*