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A quote from Pope Francis:

“Love for the poor has been the sign, the light that draws people to give glory to the Father. Our people value this in a priest who cares for the poor and the sick, for those whose sins he forgives and for those whom he patiently teaches and corrects. Our people forgive us priests many failings, except for that of attachment to money. This does not have so much to do with money itself, but the fact that money makes us lose the treasure of mercy. Our people can sniff out which sins are truly grave for a priest, the sins that kill his ministry because they turn him into a bureaucrat or, even worse, a mercenary. They can also recognise which sins are, I will not say secondary, but that have to be put up with, borne like a cross, until the Lord at last burns them away like the chaff.”

-- Jubilee for Priests, June 3, 2016

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