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A quote from Pope Francis:

"The Church, without neglecting the present day, is called to work with a long term outlook, without the obsession of immediate results. She must patiently bear difficult or adverse situations or the changes of plan that reality imposes. ... The Church has no need to occupy spaces of power or self-affirmation, but rather to make the good seed grow, patiently accompanying its development, rejoicing with the provisional harvest that can be obtained, without being discouraged when an unexpected and freezing storm spoils what seemed to be golden and ready to be gathered."

— Meeting of papal diplomats, Sept. 17, 2016

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