



STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY 2017
Serve the Needs of All: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the servant of all" MARK 10:44

Dear Faithful Parishioner,

Jesus preached a Gospel of hope and repentance. So did the disciples. Jesus healed the sick. So did the disciples. Jesus made the lame walk and the blind see. So did the disciples. Jesus cast out unclean spirits, and the disciples did too. They did what Jesus did because He gave them the power and authority to do so. And then, in great humility, Jesus washed their feet and commanded them to do the same.

In the latter years of His earthly ministry, Jesus did even more. And, following the Lord's Ascension, the disciples did as well – preaching to thousands, restoring the blind and lame, healing the sick, even raising the dead. Jesus gave them authority, Jesus granted them special ability, and then – at Pentecost, with the coming of the Holy Spirit – everyone who identified with the faith was afforded spiritual gifts that they might serve others, for the common good. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

Maybe your gifts are demonstrative and public – you lead committees, you teach, you proclaim sacred Scripture at Mass, or you direct the building of new facilities. Your gifts could also be demonstrated with few even knowing about it: you mentor a troubled teen, you visit the sick in the hospital, you send notes of encouragement, or you set up chairs long before others arrive. At MERCY, ministry roles are almost too numerous to count. Thanks to hundreds and hundreds of faithful parishioners, the work is done and done well to the glory of God the Father. **There is certainly a role for you.** Just like the blessed Apostles and other first century servants, God has gifted you to serve Him, your fellow Catholics, and all those who look to our parish – church and school – for direction, nurture and assistance. **God has called you, and we need you!**

The theme of this year's Stewardship of Ministry follows the Savior's call to *Serve the Needs of All: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the servant of all."* MARK 10:44 Please join other parishioners and offer yourself in service. Prayerfully review your commitment card and please indicate your desire to serve. Mark all areas to either continue valued ministry or volunteer for the first time. Return your card Commitment Weekend, September 9-10, 2017, or any time throughout the "Month of Mercy: Month of Service." The Lord Jesus has pointed the way forward.

Sincerely, in the love of Christ,

Father Cleo Milano, PASTOR

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FORMATION FOR CHILDREN/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

___700 Parish School of Religion Teacher or Aide
___701 Rite of Christian Initiation of Children Teacher or Aide
___702 Sunday Bible Class
___703 Sunday Nursery
___704 Vacation Bible School Leadership Team / Volunteer

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR YOUTH

___100 Altar Servers
___103 Children's Liturgy
___104 Edge
___109 Life Teen
___110 Youth Ministry Core Team

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

___900 Holy Communion to the Homebound / Hospitalized
___903 Heritage House
___905 St. Clare Manor

WELLNESS

___1100 Parish Health Fair / Program

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

___601 Called By Faith
___602 Catechists for Adult Formation Programs
___603 Charismatic Prayer
___605 Adult Evening Bible Study
___606 RCIA Sponsor
___607 Rosary Makers
___610 "That Man Is You!" Men's Group
___611 Men's ACTS Retreat Team
___612 RCIA
___613 Women's ACTS Retreat Team
___616 Adult Confirmation

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

___1001 Bereavement Committee
___1003 Giving Tree
___1004 Habitat for Humanity
___1005 Manna Givers
___1008 PACE Rosary Group
___1009 Prayer Line (phone)
___1009.5 Prayer Line (email)
___1010 St. Vincent de Paul Society
___1015 Meals for Mom (and Dad)

TALENT BANK

___5000 Babysitting
___5001 Baking
___5002 Calligraphy
___5005 Cooks
___5006 Office Volunteer
___5012 Photography
___5017 Artist
___5018 Crafting

FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS:

A CALL TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL

I urge you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

As in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.

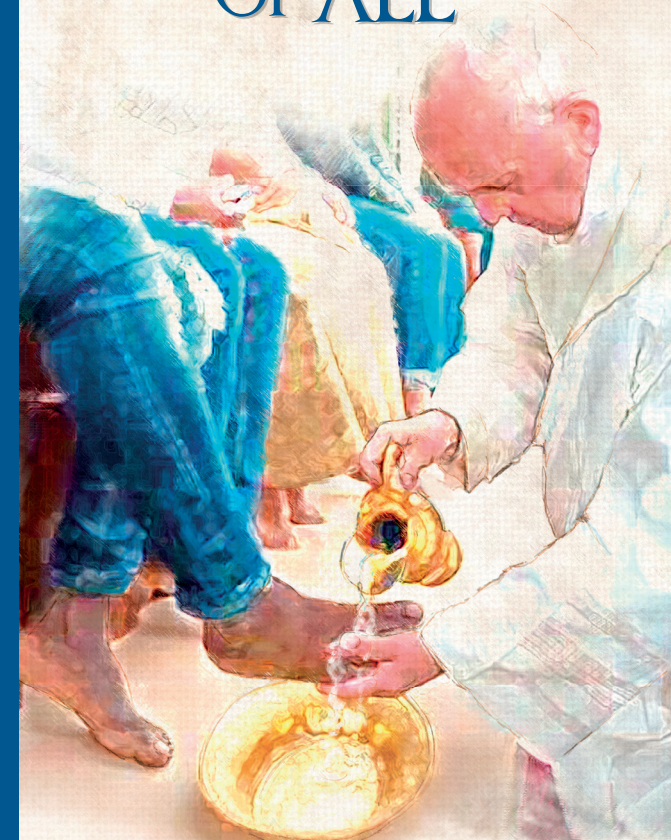
Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them:
if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;
if ministry, in ministering;
if one is a teacher, in teaching;
if one exhorts, in exhortation;
if one contributes, in generosity;
if one is over others, with diligence;
if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Romans 12.1, 5-8, 11



SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL



"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you will be the servant of all."

MARK 10:43b-44



Complete one card per person. Please return this Commitment Card at Mass or bring to the parish office. Additional cards available in church, the parish office, and at olomchurch.com.



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*"Do you realize what
I have done for you?
You call me 'teacher'
and 'master,' and
rightly so,
for indeed I am.
If I, therefore,*

*the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you
ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a
model to follow, so that as I have done for you,
you should also do."*

John 13.12b-15

*Jesus Modeled What It Means to Serve.
In Love, He Washed the Apostle's Feet.
He Then Called Them to Do the Same.*

*"If love is respectful, if love is in deeds, if
love is in communicating, love makes
sacrifices for others.*

Love is service.

It is serving others. For example, after the washing of the feet Jesus explained the gesture to the Apostles, He taught that we are made to serve one another, and if I say that I love but I don't serve the other, don't help the other, don't enable him to go forward, don't sacrifice myself for him, this isn't love.

"You have carried the Cross... there is the sign of love. That history of God's love involved in works and dialogue, with respect, with forgiveness, with patience during so many centuries of history with His people, ends there—His Son on the Cross, the greatest service, which is giving one's life, sacrificing oneself, helping others. It's not easy to speak of love, it's not easy to experience love."

Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily
June 21, 2015

We Follow Christ Modeling His Love **WE SERVE IN OUR PARISH**

Opportunities to "wash one another's feet" in our parish are many. We assist our priests and deacons, serving in the church or school office and at Mass, ministering to children, families, mature adults, and seniors. We serve them, and they serve others in turn. Through educational programs, music, meetings and meals, we are granted an open door to serve the needs of all.

We Are a Picture of Christ's Love **WE SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**

As the Apostle Paul taught, the Holy Spirit enables us to invest a variety of spiritual gifts to serve each other in the Church. In God's grace, that service extends to our neighbors and friends. Our family of faith models Christ's love in our community and to the world, available to serve and honor the call of Jesus to "love one another."

**PLEASE MAKE A COMMITMENT
TO SERVE TODAY**



SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL

I promise, to the best
of my ability, to use
my God-given talent,
time and energy to serve the common good of
my community by participating in the ministry of Christ
and His Church.



YES I WILL COMMIT TO THE STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY:

NAME _____

(Please complete one card per person)

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

DEVELOPMENT

___200 Parish Fair
___201 Auction

LITURGY & PRAYER

___302 Candle Committee
___304 Lector
___305 Holy Name Society
___306 Perpetual
Adoration

___307 Ushers' Society

SACRISTANS

___401 St. Anne's Guild
___402 St. Catherine
Ministry
___403 St. Martha Ministry

MUSIC

___102 Children's Chorus
___105 Life Teen Choir
___500 Chancel Choir
___501 Children's Chorus
Parent Volunteer
___502 Sanctuary Bells

FAMILY LIFE

___803 Merry Mercy
___804 Easter Egg Hunt
___805 Moms & Tots
___806 Respect Life
Committee

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