

EVERYTHING YOU ARE IS A GIFT—Accompanying Pastor Letter

Dear :

During last Sunday's liturgy we had the opportunity to hear the personal stewardship testimonies of members of our faith community. These men and women shared their stories of conversion—recognizing and internalizing God as Owner and Giver--and how living as responsible stewards of what they have been entrusted has helped them to witness to Christ in their midst.

Stewards recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We are granted gifts and talents to be used for God's glory and for the benefit of the common good. Living as a responsible steward means answering our own personal call to live as Jesus' disciples, following Jesus' model to be of loving service to others.

The enclosed inventory is offered as a tool to help you recognize your God-given talents and ministerial interests. Please spend some prayerful time with this inventory to help you discern how you may wish to share your talents for the benefit of PARISH NAME community, our neighborhood and world. A Ministry Fair will be held next weekend to showcase the multiple ministries at PARISH NAME. I invite you to bring the enclosed form to next week's fair to assist you in deciding upon a ministry for which you may want to volunteer.

Only by working and giving together can we build God's kingdom in our world. Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully reflect on your giftedness and how you may share your unique blessings with others.

In Christ,

Pastor Name