

WEEK 4

ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY

As Catholic we are called into community

The opportunity to pour into the lives of others is also a richly rewarding thing to do.

Spiritual growth and health requires more than just a good relationship with God.

Spiritual maturity, just like emotional maturity is developed in relationships.

You were made for community. You were made for relationships Gen 2:18-24.

The very nature of reality begins with a community of Father, Son and Spirit.

We grow in prayer, in our appreciation and celebration of the sacraments, in our understanding of love of Scripture, in all the steps of discipleship further and faster if we're doing it in relationships with others.

Heaven itself will be a relational experience.

Discipleship is simply following the Lord, step by step, on the path of greatness its following the Lord step by step...

In the direction of discipleship.

A little bit more today than yesterday

A little bit more tomorrow than today

And in the process discovering a fuller life.

If you are already involved we challenge you to invite someone else.

We can all recall how we first became involved in a ministry.

Most of the time it was by an invitation given to us. To invite someone to become a part of ministry its important to tell your story. You can do it in three easy steps:

1. State how Christ filled or is filling your deep inner needs. In the before, you expressed your needs and how you tried unsuccessfully to meet them. You now want to briefly show the difference that Christ has made in your life.

2. What was your like before being a part of the ministry your involved in. What were you looking for?

3. How did it change you and your relationship with God.

In the Review of Life three weeks ago we were encouraged to think about our current investment of our time in two important areas: Helping the Poor and Church Ministries.

How many hours a month do you currently give to either of these two areas?

A. 0-5 B. 5-15 C. 15+

If you answered:

A, commit to a consistent 5 hours a month*;

B, invite 1-2 of your friends to volunteer with you*;

C, consider scaling down so that you can spend more time in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

*These are some of our ministries that currently need the most help:

1. Hospitality Ministry: be the face of Christ to our brothers and sisters when they enter our sacred space.

2. Ministry to the hospital and homebound: Bring the Eucharistic Lord to those who are physically unable to come to Mass.

Opportunities to get involved in October

October 7th - Interested in helping with the Hospitality team?

We need greeters, welcomers and ushers. Check out more information in the church entrance or talk with your mass coordinator.

October 14th- Think your called to become a Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist? Join us for a training for more information after the 9:30 a.m. mass and noon mass in the conference room

October 21st- New to St. Paul's and have questions? We are inviting you to a new parishioner orientation after the 9:30 a.m. mass! Children are welcome.