



## **Stewardship is a grateful response to God's love for us.**

Hospitality is a cornerstone of stewardship and the first of the four pillars we will outline in greater detail. "When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35) Jesus Christ teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Christ Himself. Under the pillar of Hospitality, we reach out to all of our sisters and brothers. We especially seek out new members to the parish as well as reach out to inactive parishioners. When people experience a warm and sincere welcome, they in turn become open to give themselves to others as God calls us to love one another. We not only invite people to make them feel welcome, but we invite them to become involved and share their time, talent, and treasure.

### **Reflections:**

- Do you practice hospitality in all areas of your life (home, work, community, church, etc.)?
- Do you greet people in a meaningful way? Do you offer a friendly smile? Are you considerate? Do you open / hold doors for others ?
- Consider what time you can give, and what talent you could share, and what treasures you can give. Is hospitality one of those areas you can share your gifts from God?

### **Hospitality in Action:**

- Challenge yourself to sit / visit with different people.
- Introduce yourself to someone new at church.
- Pray for the inactive, lonely, sick in families and parish.
- Discuss hospitality as a family at home and put into practice.
- Do the reflections above in a conscientious manner.
- Become a Greeter before Mass – call the parish office (864-3467) and offer your service.

**God Bless You! - The Stewardship and Discipleship Committee**