



## A conversion of the heart.

During March, we will focus on the pillar of "Formation". Formation is a lifelong journey, a journey of conversion. It is a formidable task, involving not only education of the mind but also conversion of the heart.

"After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." (Luke 2:46) Jesus taught unceasingly. He taught His apostles and disciples. He taught the crowds through parables. Formation includes the proper knowledge and understanding of discipleship and stewardship since it is a primary means to lead the faithful to holiness

Formation also involves conversion of the heart. It is more of a transformation, from selfishness to selflessness, from pride to humility, from receiving to giving, and countless other spiritually transforming experiences. As one grows more deeply in this formation to a life of discipleship and stewardship, the more deeply one loves as God loves us, and the more fully we realize His love for us. We experience this conversion of heart as we progress through the stages of "seeking" and "openness" toward becoming "intentional disciples". We realize that not only do all things come from Him but we see that the gifts from God are to be shared with others. Here lies the heart of our personal response as a disciple, as a steward. **To share what we have received with a generous, grateful and loving heart.** Formation, is the pillar that allows us to practice stewardship the most. We all have a role to play in nurturing the faith formation of the parish and the parishioners.

### Reflections:

- What is my commitment to this transformation and giving back to God?
- What ministries can I get involved with to share my time, talent, and treasures?

### Service in Action:

- Give the Lord 10 minutes each day to read a daily meditation and pray.
- Make Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving a priority during this Lenten season.
- Attend Holy Hour (5:30 PM) and Stations of the Cross (6:30 PM) on Thursdays at OLHS.

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