

# Ministry Fair June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> After all the Masses

## "Getting Hooked on Ministry"

*"What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa*

**Are you hearing a call to do something small with love for the Lord?  
Come to the Ministry Fair and see all the different ways to answer the call.**

Top three reasons to join a ministry or organization

- Get to see your church at work.
- Get to know your fellow parishioners.
- And most importantly, answer His call to show your love for God and neighbor.

### **Is there something keeping you from getting involved?**

I don't have enough **time**. All of us have the same amount of time, 24 hours in a day, and it's not really our time, it's a gift from Him. Yes, some of our volunteers are blessed to be retired and have more free time than others but many of us have children, full time jobs and even travel for work but we still make time to show our love for God. Additionally, there are many choices on when and how often you give of your time. Some options are even short term.

**I don't know my faith well enough to volunteer.** Besides attending Mass and reading the Bible, one of the best ways to learn your faith is to get involved. You can also volunteer and learn through ministries such as RCIA and Faith Formation. Don't forget about Bible Study or being part of a Small Christian Community!

**I have no gifts.** Yes, you do! You just may not know what they are. If you are feeling called to a particular ministry, trust in the Lord to equip you to serve in that ministry. Additionally, what you do doesn't have to be complicated. St. Therese did small things, things we would consider mundane, with great love and she is still considered one of the most beloved of the saints.

**I'm not ready to make a commitment.** When you sign up, you aren't making a commitment, just indicating your interest. None of us are suited for every ministry. We all have a special calling. Wouldn't you like to know yours? Over time, all of our situations will change and our call as well.

**I don't know which organization or ministry to join.** Come meet some of those involved in the ministries, come check it out, ask questions.

One volunteer commented on how she signed up for several ministries in her effort to answer God's call. She wasn't sure which ones were a fit but she plowed in. When she began to grumble and got "too busy", she stepped back and recalled Jesus' words: "My yoke is easy and my burden light." She discerned where her call in volunteering truly lay and made some adjustments. The things she kept were easy for her and no longer a burden.

**Giving your time to God shouldn't be a burden!  
It should bring you closer to Him!**