

Helping Those in Need

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Charity

- **1:** benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity The holidays are a time for *charity* and goodwill.
- **2a :** generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering; *also :* aid given to those in need received *charity* from the neighbors **b :** an institution engaged in relief of the poor raised funds for several *charities* **c :** public provision for the relief of the needy too proud to accept *charity*
- **3a :** a gift for public benevolent purposes **b :** an institution (as a hospital) founded by such a gift
- **4:** lenient judgment of others The critic was liked for his *charity* and moderation.

Definition from: merriam-webster.com



How Do We Care for Those in Need?

- How do we serve the poor in our community or across our Diocese?
 - Catholic charitable organizations
 - Community Organizations
 - Diocesan Annual Appeal



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- How does our parish serve the poor?
 - Outreach ministries
 - St. Vincent de Paul Pantry
 - Pastoral Care
 - Service Projects
 - Second collections
 - Parish tithing



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How Do We Care for Those in Need?

- How do I serve the poor?
 - Reaction vs. Planned
 - On an ongoing basis...
 - When I encounter someone...
 - As an example for my children...



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Solidarity

- Pope John Paul II preferred this term to the word charity.
- All about building a relationship...
- How do we partner with others to serve the poor?

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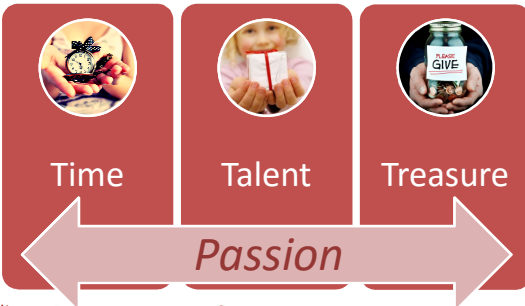
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Parish as a Bridge

- How do we equip parishioners to serve the poor in our community?
 - Who are the poor?
 - Where do our parishioners encounter them?
 - What gifts are present in our parishioners?
 - How do we facilitate a relationship?
 - How do we honor the service of our parishioners?



Bridging the Gaps



A Parish Example

- Hands of Hope bags
 - Parish project
 - Facilitated an easy way for parishioners to respond when encountering someone in need
 - Celebrated the stories



<http://www.catholicsun.org/2014/06/26/hands-of-hope-reaching-out-to-local-homeless-with-love-support/>



Appeals/Second Collections

- How do we build relationships between our parishioners and the ask for money?
- Who is asking and why?
- How do we use the ask to build a relationship through follow-up stories, statistics, etc?
- How do we tap into the passion within our parish?



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Special Projects

- How can we use special projects to introduce parishioners to ways of caring for the poor?
 - Organizations connected to the parish
 - Organizations that parishioners support
 - Follow up on special projects to keep parishioners connected and facilitate a relationship



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Discernment of Gifts

- What is our purpose?
 - Traditional parish ministries
 - Service of all kinds
 - Connecting gifts with opportunities
 - Following up with parishioners who are serving within the community
 - How does this change our concept of ministry fairs, outreach ministries, volunteer coordinators, etc.?



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Recognition

- How do we recognize parishioners who are giving and serving outside of traditional parish ministries?
 - Commissioning
 - Stories
 - Integrated
 - Projects



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