

## Helping Those in Need

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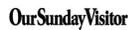
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John 13: 34-35



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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



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### 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 Do We Care for Those in Need?

- 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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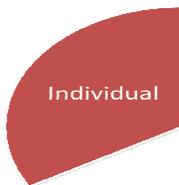
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### How Do We Care for Those in Need?

- 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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Individual      Parish

Community/  
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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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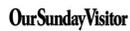
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### Parish as a Bridge

- 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?




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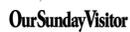
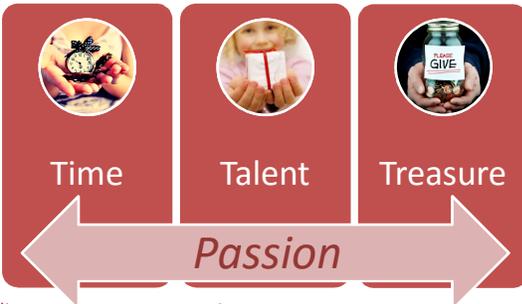
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### Bridging the Gaps




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### 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/>




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### 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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