



## So, You're Going to Have a Parish Ministry Fair...

### What is it?

A popular type of "*Gifts Celebration*" in a parish that celebrates the many ways God has blessed this community with gifts that are used and shared through ministries and activities throughout the parish.

### What does it do?

- Shows gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.
- Helps parishioners know how God's gifts are being shared in the parish community.
- Inspires others to recognize, use and share their gifts with the parish community.
- It's a great way for a parish to celebrate God's gifts!
- Can be an integral part of a parish's Time and Talent Renewal Process.
- Can be followed up with a way of saying "Thank You" to those in parish ministry.

### What to think about:

- When?
- Who (To organize, To attend)?
- What do individual ministries have to do?
- Theme?
- Activities (for children and/or adults)?
- Music?
- Refreshments/Food (different for evening/morning)?
- Advertising (no "same ole, same ole")?
- Generating Excitement Before-Hand?
- How to get people there?
- Hospitality and Greeters?



### What a Ministry Fair is NOT:

- An opportunity to recruit for parish ministries and activities.
- A replacement for Time and Talent Renewal.
- An unplanned happening.



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