

# One Family in Mission

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## Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our March issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to [tzalud@drvc.org](mailto:tzalud@drvc.org).

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## Called to Evangelize



Lent is a beautiful season of penitential sacrifice for love of Him Who suffered and died for our sins. With a focus on the Passion and Death of the Lord, Lent truly is a very fruitful time for us DRVC disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth! For, what is the ultimate missionary message we need to deliver, in words and deeds, to every person we meet? *Jesus loves you. Jesus died for you. Jesus wants to forgive your sins and to*

*lead you to Heaven.*

As Catholics, and disciples of DMG, we are called to deliver that message to all we come across—in our words and actions. We can even be **near occasions of grace** for others during this Lenten season. For as the First Letter of St. Peter instructs us, we are called to serve each other as “good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

As we anticipate the feast of the Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup>, we might look to Mother Mary, whom the Archangel Gabriel called “Full of Grace,” to model for us how to implement during Lent the four pillars of stewardship in ways that become for others “near occasions of grace.”

For example, we might offer the **hospitality** of almsgiving as Mary did during the wedding feast at Cana, taking others’ material needs to the Lord and doing whatever He tells us to do in order to graciously assist them.

We might provide the **service** of offering temporal and spiritual encouragement and hope to moms in high-risk pregnancies, bringing the Goodness and joy of the Lord to them and to their preborn children, as Mother Mary did by ministering to her cousin Elizabeth and to the child within her womb--St. John the Baptist.

We might extend the solidarity of **prayer**, standing by those who are suffering and dying, as Mary stood at the foot of her Son's Cross. And let us pray, too, for Mary's strength for others—as well as for ourselves—to be able to forgive those who have wronged us, just as she assented to her Son's pleas to His Heavenly Father to forgive those who contributed to His Passion and Death on the Cross.

Finally, in appreciation for the Lord's Passion and Death, we might ask Mary, Seat of Wisdom, to provide us with a deeper **formation** in understanding the evil of sin and the cost of our redemption as we accompany her in journeying through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, as well as on the Way--or Stations--of the Cross.

Best of all, having recognized ourselves as near occasions of grace, let us continue this Lenten DMG discipline throughout the rest of this year—*and the rest of our lives*--for our own good, and for the good of all the others whom the Lord entrusts to our witness.

May this Lenten Season be especially fruitful for you and your loved ones.

## An Opportunity for Young People to Come Together Before God

The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a series of nights filled with Eucharistic Adoration, games and community for our youth! The next and final nights are in April! For more information on this series-- called INSPIRE-- please click [HERE!](#)

### Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend a children's cartoon series entitled "Lent with Brother Francis".



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May God bless you and your loved ones!

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