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Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our January 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.

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Called to Evangelize

During the morning hours of December 31st, 2022, Pope Benedict passed on from this life. May he rest in peace. His life on earth will stand as a reminder to us Catholics that we are called to build up stewardship in our lives by strengthening each of the pillars of stewardship.

Pope Benedict was a man full of faith who spent his life writing about the Faith and defending it against those within and outside the Church, who tried to sow confusion and doubt. May we learn from him to never waver in our faith and always to fight hard against the forces of evil. When we do, we build a strong **pillar of Formation**.

One of the many ways Pope Benedict built up the **pillar of Hospitality** during his papacy was when he met with the Jewish community in Washington DC. In a talk with that community, he expressed his gratitude in our shared interest in helping those in need and praying for peace. He teaches us that hospitality is about recognizing the dignity of our brothers and sisters, regardless of differences, and praying with them and especially for them.

Pope Benedict built up a **pillar of Service** in his life since he was a little boy. Pope Benedict dedicated his life to the service of the Lord. Some of us may not be called to the priesthood (and many of us probably will not be called to become the Pope), but we can (and ought to) serve God in our lives today! Whether you are young or old; married, single or ordained; even sick or healthy or in need of assistance, yourself—God calls all of us to serve Him!

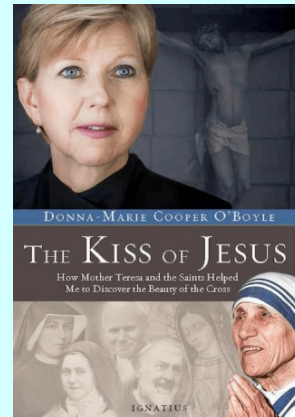
Finally, Pope Benedict built a strong **pillar of Prayer** in his life. In fact, when Benedict was elected Pope, he asked us, "Pray for me that I may learn to love the Lord more. ... Pray for me that I may learn to love his flock more and more. ... Pray for me that I

may not flee for fear of the wolves." In these words, we learn that prayer is absolutely necessary for all of us to live out of mission of being disciples. Pray for one another and do not forget to ask for prayers for yourself.

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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, "The Kiss of Jesus".



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