

One Family in Mission

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Office of Parish Stewardship November 2020

We are pleased to present our November 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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For the past forty years, various parishes and dioceses throughout our Nation have celebrated "Cemetery Sunday," typically on the first Sunday of November, coinciding with the first eight days of the month on which the Church gives special indulged graces for praying for our deceased loved ones in conjunction with a visit to the cemetery. Unfortunately, many of this year's formal nationwide "Cemetery Sunday" gatherings, slated for November 8th, were canceled due to the pandemic.

Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we like to think that besides looking forward to joining Catholics across the country who will celebrate "Cemetery Sunday" on November 7th next year, we can live its spirit any day of the year, but especially during the month of November, even if we cannot go to the cemetery physically. No matter where we are, we can always pray for the souls in purgatory.

Technology can also help us reach out to folks we know are grieving because they cannot make their usual in-person trip to the cemetery this November. When we call or visit onscreen, we can let them know by our outreach and patient listening that they are not alone in their grief. To lift their spirits, we might let them know we have lit a virtual candle, made an online petition, or requested a Mass for their loved one. Caring for bereaved friends and relatives at this time means we can also drop off or have delivered a nice meal for them to enjoy as they celebrate and remember the life of their loved one, perhaps with us sacrificing to be on the other side of the screen or the other side of the phone.

We might even offer, when the time is right in the weeks and month ahead, to accompany them on an in-person cemetery visit. In the case of seniors who live alone, and no longer drive, we might even offer to take them to Mass and treat them to a little meal before or after praying with them at their loved one's final resting place.

All of these wonderful works are examples of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*. When we care for someone who is grieving; pray for the souls in purgatory; clean, visit and put flowers by a grave and encourage and teach others to do the same, we are incorporating all of the pillars of stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Service and Formation.

Check out this Stewardship **video** from the Diocese of Charleston for a simple, yet effective way to teach and learn about Stewardship!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal Office has started their *Give Thanks-Give Hope* campaign to raise additional money for the CMA! *Thank you* to everyone who has already given and have helped us

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reach half of our goal!

Please prayerfully consider giving the CMA, if you have not already.

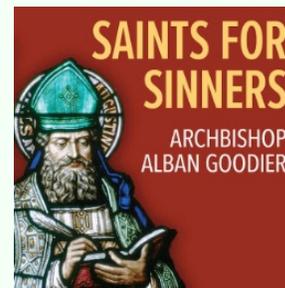
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