

One Family in Mission

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Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our October 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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This World Mission Day, celebrated on the weekend of October 23-24, we are called to acknowledge our responsibility to respond to the Lord's mandate, shared by every Baptized member, to make disciples of all nations.

Here on Long Island, this annual missionary feast has special celebratory importance for each of us, since we remain aware of and committed to doing our part to ensure the spread of Dramatic Missionary Growth every day of the year!

For our continued pondering and inspiration about what it means to be missionaries of the Gospel, Pope Francis has set as the theme for this year's universal celebration the following verse from the Acts of the Apostles:

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20)

In today's worldly culture, unfortunately, what we see and hear each day is generally fraught with vileness, vitriol, and violence, often leading the words of our mouth to spout obscenities, criticism and hatred. On personal levels, our own un-evangelized hearts, filled with jealousy, unforgiveness, and self-loathing have the undisciplined tendency to spew forth all kinds of negatively, gossip, and discouragement.

Following the ways of the world, and our own weaknesses, too often we find ourselves disciples of bad news, rather than Good News. Our challenge and opportunity in light of this year's World Mission Day theme is to remind ourselves to be active missionary disciples in the world, but not of the world, as Jesus commanded.

When it comes to the power of the spoken word, secular marketers know the secret: word of mouth/personal testimony is the best/most convincing advertising. As stewards, we too understand the importance and power of personal testimony.

To that end, our practical goal can be to seek and to find at least one personal good-news gift from the Lord each day for which we thank Him, proclaiming our praise through spoken words

and deeds of Formation, Hospitality, Prayer, and Service to our friends, neighbors, and even strangers.

Let us humbly, gratefully testify with our smiles, our generosity of heart and pocketbook, as well as our personal salvation stories to the Goodness of the Lord. And let us do it in such a way that those who hear the Good-News message of our words and deeds will turn, in their needs, with great faith, hope, and love, to the Lord *themselves*!

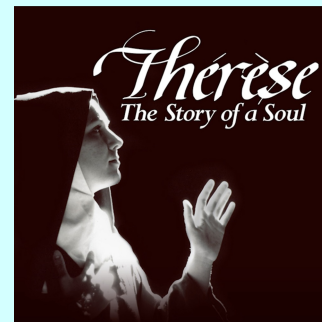
For more information on World Mission Day, please read the message from Pope Francis:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20210106_giornata-missionaria2021.html

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! 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 an audio drama titled "*Therese: The Story of a Soul*"



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