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Office of Parish Stewardship September 2021

We are pleased to present our September 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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With a forward-looking focus on the back-to-back mid-month liturgical celebrations of the **Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross** (September 14th) and the **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15th), and in keeping with our call to labor as disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth (DMG), how can we elevate the jobs for which we have been honored early in the month--on the national USA celebration of **Labor Day**--to make them labors of love for the Lord who labored during His time on Earth to make possible our eternal salvation?

In formulating that answer, please consider the following true story. In responding to various inquiry-concerns of fellow worshippers who surrounded her following a Saturday morning Mass offered for her husband's eternal rest a few months after his death, a middle-aged woman responded that she was grateful that her work kept her busy, with so many people to think about besides herself.

What was her work? Delivering mail. How did she turn that work into a DMG discipleship? As she walked from house to house, she prayed, interceding to the Lord for the various needs she gleaned from the outer envelopes of the mail she sorted for the folks on her route. For those to whom she delivered medical bills, she prayed for the Lord's healing; for those receiving unemployment benefits: employment; for those to whom she delivered collection agency notices: financial help; for those whose mail was from attorneys: legal help; for those to whom she delivered condolence cards: consolation. She prayed, too, in thanksgiving and joy to the Lord for those whose mail brought good news--wedding, Baptismal, First Communion invitations, celebratory greetings cards, and so forth.

Although we might not hold this inspirational mail carrier's same kind of job, in honor of Labor Day, which we have just celebrated, and in view of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross and Our Lady's participation in Her Son's suffering, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the DMG possibilities within the work He has given us to do for the furthering of His Kingdom by the exercise of our good and generous stewardship of the gifts of time,

talent, and treasure entrusted to us by the Lord, all for love of the Lord and our neighbor.

Further, even if we are not employed in the secular Job index sense of the word—no matter! Let us still freely labor for love of the Lord, offering Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service to those to whom the Lord calls us to minister—whether they be our spouses, our children, our parents, our fellow parishioners, or even strangers--near and far.

This September, may the Sorrowful Mother of God, who witnessed her Son's agony and death on the Cross help us to commit to being more generous in laboring for Him—in spreading the Good News about Him, and His love for each one of us, which is the essence of being disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth.

To each of you in the Diocese of Rockville Centre who seeks to be a witness of Jesus' Good News: Thank **you** for being a faithful disciple of Dramatic Missionary Growth!

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 session titled "*Why I Left Planned Parenthood*" by Abby Johnson

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