



Awareness Weekend

“Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining.”
1 Peter 4:8-9

The First Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Hospitality

Many of us have walked away from a restaurant and said, “I’m never coming back here, the waiter was so rude!” or “How do they expect people to come back with an attitude like that!” No matter how good the food was, how warming the atmosphere was, all we remember was the lack of hospitality from the wait staff. Is it possible that we have kept others from coming to the beauty and awesomeness of the Mass because of our poor hospitality?



A welcoming attitude can go a long way when it comes to Church. Have you invited your non-Catholic friends to Mass? Do you prevent your children from coming with you to Mass? Let’s not forget hospitality when we are in church as well. Are you sometimes cold to the person sitting next to you (“Ugh, why must they bring their crying child to Mass?”)? Did you remember to hold the door open to the elderly couple walking slowly behind you as you entered the church?

Finally, let’s not forget the dreaded church parking lot! How many times have you honked, cursed or sighed while trying to leave the lot?

Remember, it was a call that brought forth the first disciples. How did St. Peter learn of Jesus? His brother, St. Andrew brought him to the Messiah. Our Lord even speaks of hospitality when He is in the house of the Pharisee. Read Luke 7:36-50, it is the sinful woman who showed love and hospitality to Jesus, not the Pharisee whose house it was.

Living Stewardship

A smile, a good gesture and a nice attitude go a long way. Do those things to show the world you are a Christian.

Intercession

We are called to make disciples of the Lord; may we attract others to Jesus with a smile and a welcoming attitude

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