

## Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our August 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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## <u>Following The Blessed Virgin Mary's</u> <u>Example of Stewardship</u>

The Blessed Mother is a wonderful example of stewardship in our faith for many reasons. Mary's fiat (acceptance of God's will and her response), "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:33), demonstrates her complete submission to God and is the perfect example of stewardship that we should emulate. She faithfully followed the path laid out for her, entrusting herself entirely to God's plan.

As the Mother of Jesus and the spiritual mother of all believers, Mary intercedes for the Church. Just as she acted as an advocate for the couple at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11), she continues to intercede for the needs of the Church and its members, providing maternal care and guidance.

Mary's unwavering faith and commitment to Jesus throughout His life, including her presence at his crucifixion (John 19:25-27), exemplify her dedication as a steward of the Church. Despite the challenges and hardships, she remained faithful, showing the way of discipleship.

Mary's trust and surrender to God's plan even in difficult times, such as the flight to Egypt to protect Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15), showcase her dedication to God's plan. She models the virtue of surrendering to God's will and trusting his providence.

Mary's cooperation with God's salvific plan as the vessel through which Jesus entered the world makes her an integral part of the Church's mission. Her example of humility, obedience and love inspires Christians to imitate her action and become great disciples of the Church.

On August 15, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May we emulate Mary's desire to help God carry out His plan even if we truly do not understand it. May we accept His plan for us with humility, "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble

themselves will be exalted." (Luke 14:11) and faith and obedience. Will you be able to do what Mary did? Can you trust God wholeheartedly and entrust your life and future to Him?

Click **HERE** to read our latest blog on the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother* and other blogs from the Catholic Ministries Appeal office. Hear stories from the staff, those who are helped through the Appeal and the volunteers who touch the lives of so many on Long Island.

## 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 "Mary, Answering Common Objections".



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