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## Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our June 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](mailto:tzalud@drvc.org).

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## Called to Evangelize

Weddings. Commencements. Ordinations. More than any other month, perhaps, June is traditionally associated with milestone life transitions...from single to married; from student to graduate, and from transitional deacon to priest forever!

Although each aforementioned transition is a source of great individual and community joy and celebration, it also bears a sobering effect on the central participants, who recognize-- *sometimes with some sense of insecurity and trepidation*--that they are journeying into unknown personal-growth territory.

Here's where our commitment to being Disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth can provide immeasurable spiritual and material good to those in transition to whom we feel led to support by the Grace of God.

In our individual ministerial roles, we might offer the gift of **Prayer** support in the way of "Spiritual Bouquets." In addition to Masses and Holy Communions, we might offer prayers that match the special devotions of the recipients (e.g. Rosaries and Hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament), or that relate to their favorite or state-of-life patron saints (patron saints of married couples, students, or parish priests, for example).

Among the **Formation** gifts we might give are subscriptions to inspirational and encouraging Catholic periodicals aimed at supporting and strengthening their Faith life amid new and possibly challenging circumstances.

In addition to giving gifts outside ourselves, whether material or spiritual, we might pledge the gifts of ourselves in spending our time, talent, and treasure, as best we can, in **Service** of their transition-time needs, particularly their potential voiced need for a listening ear and sage counsel.

Lastly, our gifts of **Hospitality** to enliven their new academic, living, or work environments might include Faith-filled sacramentals that remind them of God's love and our support. In as much as June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and honors, as well, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we might offer to participate with them in consecrating their new physical spaces, as well as their new life stages, to the Loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary, gifting them with pictorial Twin Hearts reminders.

Finally, when we offer to "do whatever we can" to help, and "to keep in touch," we need to follow through on our commitments, so long as our participation and presence is welcomed and fruitful for the good of those whose transitions we seek to support.

Sometimes, like the proverbial hand that releases the butterfly to fly free, we might find that there will come a time when we must "Let go, and let God," keeping vigil from a distance... And so we will graciously do so, with gratitude to God for the participation He has graced us to offer for a time, for as Lamentations cf 3:33 reminds us, God's Mercies are new every morning.

## Thank you, Fathers!

To all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles and fatherly figures in our diocese-- May God bless and strengthen you in your DRVC missionary vocation. From all of us to all of you: Thank you so very much for your work in raising children in today's world. St. Joseph pray for them all!

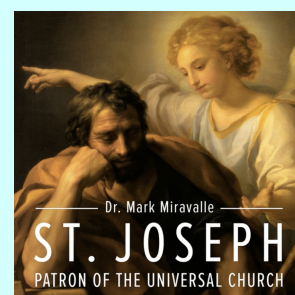
## Please Remember to Pray for our Seminarians!

The three deacons in this picture will be ordained June 18, please keep them especially in your prayers. Deacon Stephen Rooney, Deacon Christopher Heller and Deacon Louis Cona.



## 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 "St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church."



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