

# One Family in Mission

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## Office of Parish Stewardship

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We are pleased to present our April 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

**“The LORD’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, His compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning...”** (Lam 3: 22-23)

What a blessing it is knowing, as God’s Word promises, that His acts of mercy are renewed for us each day! Every day we wake up, we can know that God’s mercy and love is already there for us. Whenever we fall, we can walk into any church and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God’s forgiveness, therefore, is always waiting for us, as well. Jesus calls us to seek Him and ask Him for what we need. Our God is a loving God that wants to be close to us always.

Many of us come to the Lord, as He asks us to do, with our empty buckets to be filled with His mercy for ourselves, which is good! But, unfortunately, we don’t do what else He asks...that we offer, in turn, to be living conduits or vessels of His inexhaustible acts of Mercy for someone else. But our daily receiving without giving acts of mercy doesn’t have to stay that way; we can all become vessels of God’s mercy and love to others!

This month, as we approach the great feast of the Lord’s Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11<sup>th</sup>, let’s really think about how we might better respond each day to the Lord’s renewed acts of mercy! Let’s consider making Divine Mercy Sunday the start of a daily habit in which we not only confide to the Lord our own needs for His Mercy, but we ask Him most sincerely to inspire us to know how we can best serve as a minister of His Mercy that day, for another person.

As we engage, then, in the merciful exercise of one or more of our four stewardship pillars: **Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service**, let us recognize that we are called to be merciful vessels of Dramatic Missionary Growth within--and even beyond--our Diocese of Rockville Centre!

As we fall asleep each night, contrite in spirit for our day’s sins and failings, may we rest sound and secure in the Lord’s Merciful Love for us, waiting to meet and renew us in the morning. And may we daily respond with great thanksgiving and acts of merciful service!

## A Call for Tips, Advice and Ideas!

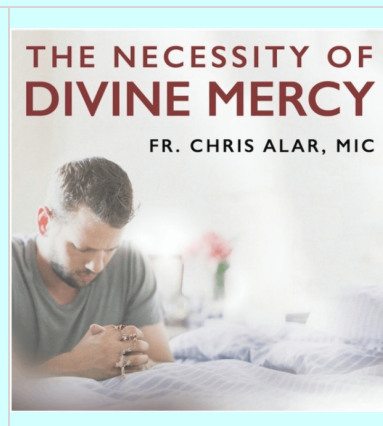
Our churches have been opened up for about 10 months now, but the attendance for Mass is still not where it once was. Some parishes are doing better than others, but all could use tips and advice for welcoming parishioners back to the pews. If your parish has any tips, advice or ideas please share them with us so we may share them with the rest of our the parishes in our Diocese!

### [Click here to read Bishop Barre's 2021 Easter Letter](#)

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### 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 "*The Necessity of Divine Mercy*" by Fr. Chris Alar.



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