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Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our May 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@drc.org.

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Called to Evangelize

In addition to our biological mothers, who deserve our gratitude for the gift of their selflessly nurturing and protecting our lives-- lives which God began developing in secret and safety within their wombs, we have many spiritual mothers who have nurtured us along the way to whom we owe our grateful love.

Tops on that list of spiritual mothers is the very Mother of God who loves us with her Son's unconditional love, and who wishes for each one of us, her precious sons and daughters, a close relationship in which she will help to lead and guide us to an eternity of happiness with the Blessed Trinity.

Surely, just as we sons and daughters appreciate when others compliment all the women who have mothered us, so too, must the Lord Jesus appreciate when we show devotion to His Mother, whom He gave us to be our mother, too!

So out of loving respect for the Lord Jesus and His Mother, this Spring, when we are cultivating our gardens and planting our flowers, perhaps we might consider sprucing up a statue of Our Lady that already graces our yard, or perhaps we might consider gifting ourselves with such a statue—not only to edify ourselves, but to edify our neighbors, as well.

And if we are feeling particularly humble and courageous in our devotion to Our Blessed Mother, we might do what some families do during the Month of May, dedicated to Mary. We might conduct a simple front- or back-yard May crowning—not as a “show” to call attention to ourselves, but as an unapologetic outpouring of child-like love for her and her Son.

Whether we honor Our Lady with a floral crowning this May or not, as

missionary disciples, what's to stop us on a cool May evening from sitting outside Praying a Rosary in Our Lady's statuary company—either alone, or with family and friends. And, in anticipation of someone joining us out of curiosity or shared devotion, we might be prepared to show Hospitality, having on hand extra Rosaries, as well as little how-to-pray-the-Rosary Formation information sheets or booklets. And in our quiet witness, perhaps with inspirational Marian music playing softly in the background, we might be surprised that neighbors will stop to ask us to remember their intentions, which will be our privileged graced Service.

Who knows! By God's Grace, as has happened to other families, we might find that passersby stop to say a prayer in the presence of Our Lady's statue, visible as they walk or drive by. Even more, as one family discovered, some passersby might even leave flowers for her!

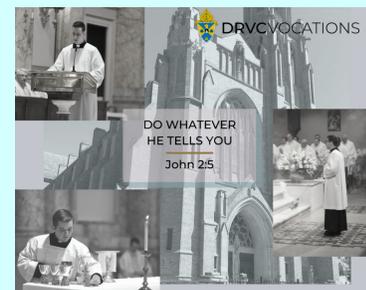
On the other hand, even if we never get that outward confirmation of our missionary outreach, and even if our outdoor Marian devotion doesn't stir other hearts, surely it will gladden three hearts, for sure: ours, Our Lady's, and Our Lord's. And those are three good reasons, don't you think, to give such outdoor Marian witness a wholehearted try--starting in this very Marian month of May!

Thank you, Mothers!

To all the women in our diocese who bear, nurture, and mentor God's children, young and old, after the Maternal Heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary, we hope you had a beautiful Mother's Day! May God bless and strengthen you in your DRVC missionary vocation. From all of us to all of you: Thank you so very much!

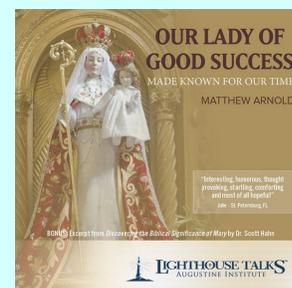
Please Remember to Pray for our Seminarians!

The three deacons in this picture will be ordained in June, 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 "Our Lady of Good



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