

## Ideas for Celebrating Lay Ministry Sunday

- Call forward the Commissioned Lay Ministers in the parish for a special blessing on them and the work they do. Introduce them to the community and ask them to speak briefly about their individual ministries.
- Invite the Commissioned Lay Ministers in the parish to wear their Lay Ministry pins and make themselves available at the exits following Mass so they can answer questions people may have about the Formation for Ministry process, their service to the parish or about the impact their involvement as a Lay Minister has had on them personally.
- Use the Prayer for Discernment at Masses all throughout Lent.
- Invite the Commissioned Lay Ministers and those inquiring about the process to an informal gathering. If you have one, ask your Hospitality Ministry team to provide a comfortable setting and light refreshments to make everyone feel welcome. Spend a couple of hours together and discuss what lay ministry means to the parish and the commitment the parish makes to individuals engaged in the training process, the time commitment required of candidates and what is actually involved in the training process, what personal impact it has for those who are commissioned as Lay Ministers and what parish needs exist that that can be satisfied by lay ministers.
- Take stock of what needs you have in the parish and put “Wanted” ads in the bulletin asking for people to step forward to train for filling those specific areas of ministry.