



Formation For Ministry

Lay Ministry Sunday

It's time for the annual celebration of "Lay Ministry Sunday".

Because Lent is such a powerful time of reflection for people, Bishop LaValley has agreed that the Sunday preceding Lent will be designated as a time to acknowledge Lay Ministers throughout the diocese. Each parish is invited to join in the diocesan wide celebration of our lay ministers on the Sunday immediately preceding Lent each year.

By homily, pulpit announcements, bulletin articles, and a light reception after Mass, you can show your lay ministers how much you appreciate their time and talents as they serve in the parish.

We are recruiting new candidates for classes beginning this September and by celebrating Lay Ministry Sunday, you will inspire your parishioners to use the period of Lent for reflection and discernment regarding potential ministry opportunities in their parish.

It is our hope to encourage parishioners to become more involved in parish life and consider enrolling in the Formation For Ministry program to become a Commissioned Lay Minister. Through Formation for Ministry, candidates will meet others throughout the diocese who shares the call to lay ministry.

Please photocopy the attached "Inquiry Flyer" and insert it in the bulletin for Lay Ministry Sunday. For those being called, this brochure provides information about the Formation for Ministry Program and encourages them to learn more about their faith.

Mark your calendars and help us celebrate the great contribution our Commissioned Lay Ministers freely give to their parishes.