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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend we heard from members of the parish about their own journeys to discipleship and participation in the parish family here at St. Alfred Parish. This week, Father Charles has asked us to write to you about one of the fundamentals of discipleship, sharing our gifts with the parish community. We also invite you to join us after the Masses next weekend to be part of the parish **Ministry Fair**.

As co-chairs of the newly formed St. Alfred parish stewardship committee, we are pleased to provide some thoughts on this aspect of discipleship and to invite you to consider how you might best answer God's call to share your gifts and talents with the parish community.

All of us have been given unique and special gifts by God. Answering the call to discipleship includes exercising good stewardship over those gifts and sharing them with others, beginning with our families and friends and with those who are part of our parish family. Sharing our gifts with family is relatively easy for most people, but other than going to Mass, giving time to our parish may be more challenging. However, if we are to follow the Lord's call, part of our response is to share our gifts with our parish family. This sharing of ourselves blesses us as well our parish family.

There are many ways you can share your gifts at St. Alfred Parish. A list of opportunities available at our parish is enclosed with this letter. Giving just a little of your time, or whatever your circumstances will allow, will not only be a blessing for our parish and for those whom these ministries touch, but it can also provide great personal joy and satisfaction as you help others and develop a closer relationship with our parish family.

At the **Ministry Fair** you will have an opportunity to see the various ministries active at St. Alfred. Please take some time to visit the leaders of these ministries and find out about the opportunities available. You can sign up for one of the ministries right then, but if you are undecided, pray to the Lord for guidance, and sign up on **Commitment Sunday** in November.

On behalf of all the leaders of the ministries that are represented here at St. Alfred Parish, we thank you for considering how you might share your gifts with others for our parish life of faith and ultimately, for the glory of God.

Your brother and sister in the Lord,

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