

July Everyday Steward Stewardship of Talent

When I was a child, my parents enrolled me in everything. I ended up enjoying piano, soccer, tennis, and basketball the most. When I was in high school, I would suggest to you my talents were found in athletics, but as I grew older, I realized God had other talents for me to explore.

It is in adulthood that I realize the gifts God intends me to share are not just athletic in nature but social. I have the need to be a part of a group and to be welcoming. My best memories of working at Old St. Pat's were meeting New Members and standing outside greeting people as they came to or left Mass. After much consideration and prayer over the years, I see how this can be a talent in ministry life. Stewardship is about people. At the core of stewardship is our relationship to God and His people, the Church. How we collaborate together, welcome new parishioners or even discuss stewardship all fit within my talents of engaging people.

Often our talents change throughout our lives. Because of our experiences in work and play, we grow new skill sets and explore new interests. Parishes can often serve as communities that help support us through acknowledging our talents and allowing us to explore them. Every parishioner has a talent and whatever the talent is, there should be an opportunity to share it with the Parish community.

Let us pray that we can celebrate our unique talents and provide opportunities to express those talents in our faith communities.