

**A Reading from Called and Gifted; The American Catholic Laity:**

Baptism and confirmation empower all believers to share in some form of ministry. Although the specific form of participation in ministry varies according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, all who share in this work are united with one another. "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all the members have the same function, so too we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us" (Romans 12:4-6).

Observe the person of integrity and mark the upright;  
Because there is a future for a man of peace.  
Sinners will be destroyed together;  
the future of the wicked will be cut off.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord,  
their refuge in a time of distress.  
The Lord helps and rescues them,  
rescues and saves them from the wicked,  
because they take refuge in him.

**Psalm Response:**

**Trust in the Lord and do good  
that you may dwell in the land and live secure.**

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will act  
and make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
your justice like noonday.

The Lord knows the days of the blameless;  
their heritage lasts forever.  
They will not be ashamed when times are bad;  
in days of famine they will be satisfied.

The valiant one whose steps are guided by the Lord,  
who will delight in his way,  
May stumble, but he will never fall,  
for the Lord holds his hand.

All day long he is gracious and lends,  
and his offspring become a blessing.  
The Lord loves justice  
and does not abandon the faithful.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom;  
his tongue speaks what is right.  
God's teaching is in his heart;  
his steps do not falter.

Wait eagerly for the Lord,  
and keep his way;  
He will raise you up to inherit the earth.

**Trust in the Lord and do good  
that you may dwell in the land and live secure.**

(Psalm 37)

**Call to Ministry**

1) How do I consider my teaching as ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) How do I help our students name their gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How do I help our students develop their gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) How do we encourage our students to minister to others? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) We can help our students become more aware of using their gifts in

ministry in our school and community by \_\_\_\_\_

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Take a few minutes to share some of your responses with a few colleagues.

Is there anything you would like to share with everyone else?

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The Church is to be sign of God's kingdom in the world. The authenticity of that sign depends on all the people: laity, religious, deacons, priests and bishops. Unless we truly live as the People of God, we will not be much of a sign to ourselves or the world. We are convinced that the laity are making an indispensable contribution to the experience of the People of God and that the full import of their contribution is still in a beginning form in the post-Vatican II Church.  
(Conclusion)

**Intercessions:**

For all here who work on our relationship with God; we pray for the courage and strength to do so, we pray to the Lord ...

For our students as they seek to understand the reason for faith in their lives, we pray to the Lord ...

For all who seek holiness in everyday life, we pray to the Lord ...

For all here, that we bear witness to the truth especially with our students, we pray to the Lord ...

That the members of this school community find the courage to remain faithful to the Church's mission, we pray to the Lord ...

(Spontaneous prayers)

**Our Father:**

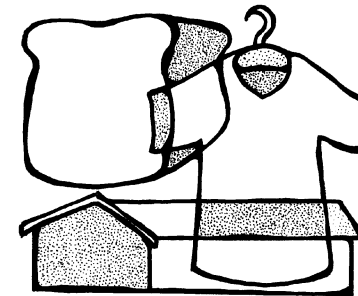
(Psalm 15)

**Closing Prayer:**

God of love and mercy, you call us to be your people, you gift us with your abundant grace. Make us a holy people, radiating the fullness of your love. Form us into a community, a people who care, expressing your compassion. Remind us day after day of our baptismal call to serve, with joy and courage. Teach us how to grow in wisdom and grace and joy in your presence.

Through Jesus and in your Spirit, we make this prayer. **Amen.**

**FACULTY/STAFF REFLECTION  
FOUR CALLS**



**HUNGRY  
HOMELESS  
NAKED  
...DO NOT TURN  
YOUR BACK  
ON YOUR OWN**

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**THIRD CALL  
We are Called to Ministry**

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**Opening Prayer:**

Lord, you call each of us to the apostolate of making manifest your Kingdom here on earth. Through your Spirit you provide each of us with a unique set of gifts to use in our particular ministry. Grant us your grace so that we might understand your will and accept the challenge that you present to us today.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Brother.

**Amen.**