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## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

*“We seek to support and sustain these efforts by exploring new opportunities to make our church and our society authentic witnesses to the dignity of life and the common good” (pg. 3).*

*“In a special way, we heed the call of Pope Francis to go out to the peripheries, serve those who are poor, extend mercy, work for peace, and care for the Earth” (pg. 3).*

*“As we carry on the work of justice, we seek ways to be engaged mutually in the life of other local churches throughout the world” (pg. 3).*

*“To be authentic, this growth in mission begins with the call to holiness. We are not simply concerned with growth in numbers, programs, or facilities” (pg. 5).*

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion – Personal or Small Groups**

Please discuss as many questions as time allows. The parish listening sessions will focus on the last three questions.

1. What are some moments in my life when I have been drawn closer to Christ through service and outreach?
2. When I think of my own experiences in service and outreach, I am...
3. What do we have to celebrate? Please identify two or three ways your parish currently fosters service and outreach. Include any engagement and/or collaboration with another parish, both within and outside the Archdiocese.
4. What is God’s hope for our parish? As a result of prayer, reflection and discussion what are two or three ways in which we believe the Lord is calling us to go in within the area of service and outreach?
5. How can we get there together? What specific programs or activities do you recommend as priorities in this important area of parish life?

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