

Participation in Charitable Activities

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Charism.

- In Christianity, a **spiritual gift** or charism (plural: **charisms** or **charismata**; in Greek singular: *χάρισμα* *charisma*, plural: *χαρίσματα* *charismata*) is an endowment which may be given by the Holy Spirit. These are the supernatural graces which individual Christians need (or needed in the days of the Apostles) to fulfill the mission of the Church. In the narrowest sense, it is a theological term for the extraordinary graces given to individual Christians for the good of others.
- Christian religious orders spent much effort in reflection on their charisms.
- Congregation of Holy Cross, St. Vincent de Paul Society all have different charisms.



What is Your Charism?

- Develop a working definition of your charism.
- Think about it, pray about it, most importantly, do something about it.
- “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results”, Albert Einstein



St. Vincent de Paul Society

- “The vocation of the Society’s members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact. Vincentians serve in hope.”
- St. Adalbert/St. Casimir Conference makes home deliveries, collects donations, and stocks a food pantry. Members may also volunteer at the Crescent Avenue offices and in various programs to help the poor.

Any final questions?

Closing Prayer

Lord God,
you send your light and your truth that we may find our way to you.
Guide those who seek you,
raise up those who have fallen
that we may all rejoice in your kingdom forever.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.