

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY: FAITH-BASED WORK



Our work, our ministry work – flowing from our love of the Eucharist – must be faith based, it must be spiritual. It must be about serving Jesus by serving our neighbor. It must be about proclaiming the Gospel joy through witness.

Pope Francis reminds us that “we need to remember that all religious teaching ultimately has to be reflected in the teacher’s way of life, which awakens the assent of the heart by its nearness, love and witness.” (The Joy of the Gospel #42)

“[T]he solution will never be found in fleeing from a personal and committed relationship with God which at the same time commits us to serving others.” (#91) That is, our commitment to serving others must first arise from a relationship with God.

We need to ... [keep our] mission focused on Jesus Christ, and her commitment to the poor. (#97)

In other words, our ministry work is not a business. Our work is not first, results oriented or agenda driven. These cannot be our top priorities. Our priority has to be that it is a faith-based work



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