

Talent Finder

Read each set of statements and choose the one that best describes you (some people may find more than one that strongly apply). Once you've found the description(s) that best fit you, turn the page over to find out about what parish ministries you might enjoy.

- A. * I like working with my hands.
 - * Taking care of the little details brings me satisfaction.
 - * I enjoy gardening or arranging flowers.
- B. * I like a challenge and work well under pressure.
 - * I'm very organized, detail-oriented, and methodical.
 - * I'm comfortable and skilled at making financial decisions and handling money.
- C. * I'm great at rallying people for a cause.
 - * I enjoy the challenge of working with others to find the best solution to a problem.
 - * I prefer lively activity and bustle to quiet and solitude.
- D. * Discussing my faith with others enriches my spiritual life.
 - * I don't mind speaking in front of others.
 - * I enjoy reading the Bible or wish I read it more often.
- E. * I prefer quiet and solitude to bustle and activity.
 - * When I see a friend in need, one of the first things I do is pray for him.
 - * I have a special sense of compassion for the sick and elderly.
- F. * Singing or playing a musical instrument is one of my favorite ways to pray.
 - * I don't mind performing in front of people.
 - * I enjoy working with children or young adults.

- G. * I'm a good listener, and people often come to me with their problems.
 - * I receive great pleasure from seeing God at work over time in a person's personal and spiritual growth.
- H. * I have a great sense of humor and don't easily lose my temper.
 - * I'm good at explaining complicated ideas in a simple way.
 - * I really enjoy working with kids or young adults.
- I. * I am pleased when I know my organizational skills help other people keep it together.
 - * I enjoy a steady, predictable routine.
 - * I work well with different personalities.
- J. * I am skilled in writing, art, or graphic design.
 - * I don't mind working with computers.
 - * I often think of ways I could improve our parish bulletin or newsletter.
- K. * I'm skilled with computers.
 - * I believe visual details are extremely important.
 - * I know how to design Power point visuals
- L. * I firmly believe in the positive power of small, simple gestures.
 - * I like to attend social events at my church.
 - * When I see someone new at Mass, I often introduce myself or offer a welcoming smile.
- M. * When I see a problem in the world, I want to be on the front lines fixing it.
 - * I'm great at rallying people for a cause.
 - * I'm strong in my beliefs but able to discuss with others in a calm, respectful way.
- N. * I am fluent in English and another language.
 - * I enjoy meeting and spending time with people of a different culture than my own.

Now match the letter you chose with the activities you might enjoy:

- A. Plant care, altar care, maintenance, decorating, crafts
- B. Finance committee
- C. Fundraising, event coordinator, parish council, parish hospitality
- D. Bible study leader; liturgy committee; lector; book discussion group leader; coordinator for lecture, discussion, or movie series; RCIA team member or sponsor.
- E. Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, Eucharistic adoration, outreach to the sick or elderly, prayer groups
- F. Choir member or instrumentalist, parish nativity play
- G. Support group (e.g. bereavement, parenting, singles), Bible study or discussion group, parish hospitality, Confirmation sponsor, RCIA team member or sponsor
- H. Religious education or RCIA, Confirmation or RCIA sponsor, parish Nativity play, church youth group, vacation Bible school
- I. Secretarial support staff, parish council, librarian/resource coordinator
- J. Publicity or marketing; editor, designer, or writer for parish publications
- K. Power point designer or editor
- L. Greeter, usher, hospitality, volunteer at parish events
- M. Parish food pantry, shelter, clothing/supplies drive; right to life committee; lecture or panel discussion series coordinator; parish mission coordinator
- N. Literacy program; hospitality; coordinator or support staff for non-English-speaking parish events and services; pilgrimage coordinator



Don't see any ministries that are right for you? Don't give up just yet! We've listed some general categories of ministry, but the possibilities are endless. Not sure where to start? Take a few moments to list all your hobbies and talents. Then think about how these skills or interests might serve your parish. A few examples: Fitness buff? Start a parish exercise club. Addicted to scrapbooking? Bet your parish would love to have an archivist. Enjoy theater? Work with fundraising committee to put together a parish talent show. Doing something you love while giving back to your parish is a surefire formula for satisfaction. And if your parish doesn't have the ministry you'd like to be involved in, ask your pastor about starting it up yourself.



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