SEAS Fall 2019 SHARE GROW Guide
Week 3 (November 16/17): Be Active!

The Third Characteristic of Discipleship at SEAS is “SHARE”: Growing disciples are generous. Sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure are at the heart of the Christian life.

Think about your talents. Are you a good steward of the talents God has entrusted to you? Are you using them to create the most good for the most people? Are you neglecting a talent God has given you? How will you “act” on the talents you have been given? In home? Parish? Community?

Prior to meeting as a group, attend Mass and read over Fr. Mark’s message for the corresponding week, found on the parish website: www.seasp.org.

Opening Prayer: Read and reflect on this past Sunday’s Second Reading
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (Reading found on the back)
- What word or phrase stuck out to you in this reading? Why?

As a group:
- Watch the Week 2 message series video on “SHARE” from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Website: www.seasp.org
  - Giving Moments-What touched you?

Individual Reflection or Discussion Questions:

As a group discuss the following from your weekly reading and reflection:

1. What from the message video and/or homily stood out to you this week and why?
2. Describe something that you were involved in and it changed your life. This can be at work, parish, school, in the community or other. What did you learn about “sharing” because of that experience?
3. Why do you think it is difficult for people to identify what they are good at?
4. What is a talent you have that you have used to help others?
5. Who is someone you know that uses the talent they have been given by God for good? What can you learn from this person?
6. We have a goal for our parishioners. Every member is a minister. What is your immediate reaction to this parish goal? How are you living out this goal in your own life and family?
Weekly LEARN Challenge:

- Contact Kelli DeVries, Coordinator of Ministries about getting involved in the next “Living Your Strengths” journey at St. Elizabeth’s.
- Make a list of the talents you have:
  - Look at the “Share” tab on the parish website. Identify what ministries might best utilize your gifts and talents.
- **Supplemental Reading throughout the message series: 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic pp. 109-140.**

Closing Prayer: Read the following prayer together—Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be disorderly if I do not work. It will bring other people into worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I—who make it what it is—am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Brothers and sisters:
You know how one must imitate us.
For we did not act in a disorderly way among you,
nor did we eat food received free from anyone.
On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day
we worked, so as not to burden any of you.
Not that we do not have the right.
Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us.
In fact, when we were with you,
we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work,
neither should that one eat.
We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way,
by not keeping busy but minding the business of others.
Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly
and to eat their own food.