

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**  
**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Gospel Mark 9:30-37*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

**Historical Context – Messianic expectation:** The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

**Scriptural context – Three predictions:** This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

**Have you thought? Last of all?** Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.



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*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

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Eastern Region  
Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Rev Father Gerard Johnson  
Parish Priest**

**Sonya O'Farrell  
Part-time Parish Secretary  
Wednesdays, Thursdays &  
Fridays**

**10.00am - 2.00pm**

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**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm  
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY**

**Tues. 11.00am**

**Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am**

Rosary prayed after Mass times as listed above. All welcome.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration  
Wednesday  
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**

By appointment and six months (6) notice, please. *(This helps with the planning of both celebrations and Parents usually know nine months in advance when their baby is to be born).*

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**Prayer to Saint Luke  
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for Michael Downie and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Wednesday:** St Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; **Thursday:** St Vincent de Paul, priest; **Friday:** St Wenceslaus, martyr & St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs; **Saturday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels; **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer II and Euch. Accl. No. 1.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** For those who are called, Jesus promises only one thing: the Cross. If one seeks power and prestige in this world, there will be no reward in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Mark 9:30-37).

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35 Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**WE WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAMILY** this weekend Charlie James Harry, Son of Jessica and Daniel.

**PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN:** It has been recommended that we complete the work on the Plinth that supports the 'Nurture' sculpture in our Parish Memorial Garden. The following words will be attached to the plinth in the form of a wrap-around laser-cut metal double page: **NURTURE:** *This sculpture is inspired by several Gospel stories where Jesus touches and heals people. The hands are symbolic of both the love and healing we experience when we return home to our loving God and the support and care our St Luke the Evangelist Community offers to those who experience grief and loss in their lives and families. 2nd page/sheet: The gum leaves are uniquely Australian; they symbolise resurrection, reflect hope and new beginnings. After the most severe bush fire, the blackened gum trees seemingly dead, regenerate as the cycle of life begins anew through God's initiative. Total cost for this project is \$3383.60. If you would like to contribute to this Parish project please leave your contribution in a specially marked envelope in one of the following Sunday Mass collections at your convenience. Thankyou in anticipation, Fr Gerard, P.P.*

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES:** Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm - [BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au](mailto:BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au)**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA THANKYOU:** The following message is a very sincere 'thank you' for the generous response of the Catholic community in Melbourne to the Project Compassion 2018 appeal. *Dear people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I wish to thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 appeal 'For a Just Future'. The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the appeal - a major contribution to supporting the poorest of the poor in the over 25 countries where Caritas Australia supports programs. Across Australia the appeal raised around \$10.8 million, money that will make a real difference in lifting people out of poverty, and giving many the opportunity to build secure lives, free from poverty and hunger. Since the end of the Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India, and Typhoon Manghkut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work. Again, thanks for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the gospel in action. (Deacon) Jim Curtain: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director, Archdiocese of Melbourne*

**ST. CECILIA'S, SOUTH CAMBERWELL,** is holding a **Parish Reunion Sunday 14 October 2018** Commencing with 10am Mass followed at 11am by a gathering of friends in St. Cecilia's Hall. A wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends from the past.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT FOR 2018-2019 'A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND'** Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated this year on 30 September. The 2018-2019 Statement, is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge - one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health. The Scriptural basis of this year's Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35), about the outsider who stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care. <https://vimeo.com/289003473>

**WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO:** *75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices © The Story Source, 1993. TeresaPirola.net* **THE PARISH:** If a hallmark of the Church is its love and unity, how does this happen in practice? How can millions of Catholics all over the world love one another?! Part of the answer is that the universal Church is comprised of many small cells of community. Individual members experience love and unity at a local level. One way this happens is through the parish. The word 'parish' comes from the Greek word 'paroukia' (district) which, in the early Church referred to a section of the Christian population under the leadership of the bishop; that is, the equivalent of the modern diocese. From the late 14th century, however, it applied to subdivisions of the diocese.



## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	<b>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</b>	<b>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Monica Hodder	Olive Hammill
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Engelina Nyhuis	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM Lynda Kilroe-Smith	Val Gardiner

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<b>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</b>	<b>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Tony Lobo	Shirley Praba
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Melina Barcellona	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM Margaret Gearon	Marg Yore

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<b>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</b>	<b>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Marie Pekish	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM Margaret Gearon	Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<b>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</b>	<b>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM David Prabha	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**22 SEPT. 2018**  
Joan McHugh

**29 SEPT. 2018**  
Sonya O'Farrell

### CHURCH CLEANING

**29 SEPT. 2018**  
Team 3 (Maree's Team)  
Maree Moss, Rita Gibb,  
Lynda Kilroe-Smith,  
Nancy Stephan

### MAINTENANCE

**6 OCT. 2018**  
Team 4  
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple  
&  
Danny Nolan

**AN INSPIRATIONAL, PRO LIFE MUSICAL CALL OF GUADALUPE (COG)**, is coming in December 1st & 2nd. We would like to invite anyone of any age ability to act or help in COG. There will be free drama classes for anyone with interest to learn to act, write, and sing. This is an opportunity to see if you would like to join the musical. Drama classes & rehearsals most Saturdays in Glen Iris by experienced professional actors in the field. info [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com) rsvp to confirm times [geraldine343@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine343@gmail.com) or 0413398528.

**DEAR FRIENDS FOR LIFE:** Sep. 2018 Our next 40 Days for Life starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> September and finalizes on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Times are between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm. Venue: In front of Jolimont station at the 150 metre exclusion sign (painted there on the footpath) tram 75 from Flinders station stop 11. For some of you, it is virtually impossible to physically attend, but would you please offer your prayers. Please contact us if you would like to register your time of witnessing or place your names and times on our email: [fonsforlife39@gmail.com](mailto:fonsforlife39@gmail.com) website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/melbourne/> Mob. 0429 181 896.

**TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Wednesday 3 October (7:00pm-8:30pm) Saint Paschal Franciscan Friary YTU Study Centre 34 Bedford St (Off Albion Rd) Box Hill. The Franciscan family warmly welcomes you to come and celebrate the **Transitus of St Francis**. This is a liturgical celebration of the life and death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Come and experience Franciscan spirituality and Christ centred-life. A light supper will be held after the service. All the Lord's peace and good. Further details: 03 98964400 or email: [stpaschals@franciscans.org.au](mailto:stpaschals@franciscans.org.au)

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 23 SEPTEMBER 2018:** Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance This week on The Journey, Fr Mark Delaney reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy encourages us about "Staying Fresh in our Faith", the theme of Love is carried through with Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot with "Agape", and continued with Fr Dave Callaghan encourages us to "Free the Love in his segment The Call. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am – 3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road Kew. This year the proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 150 poor girls and 100 poor boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese, Egypt. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

**WORLD ROSARY DAY SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER:** Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15 August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7 October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. Details: Call Jane from OzRosary 0476 535 595 or <http://holyleagueofnations.com> Register: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

**SAFETY STATEMENT:** We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

## Parish Groups & Contacts

*Do not our hearts burn within us as we walk along ...*

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors  
Extraordinary Ministers of the  
Eucharist, & Rosters**

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

**Children's Liturgy Group**

Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

**Thanksgiving Counters**

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council &  
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Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

**History**

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

**Whitehorse Deanery**

**Finance Council**

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

**Hall Hire**

Parish Office - 9877 2292

**Care Group & Gardens**

Judy Noy - 9894 1506

**Church Sacristan**

Greg Grant 0401 644 474

**Church Linen**

Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**

Megan McLean 9878 8691

**Maintenance**

Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

**Holy Communion**

to the housebound

**Parish & School Choirs**

Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

9877 4023

**Parish and School**

**Fete Committee**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School Advisory Board**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School**

**Parents' Association**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**St Vincent de Paul Conference**

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

**Parish Contact:**

Margaret Gearon

**RECRUITMENT NOTICE:**

*These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?*

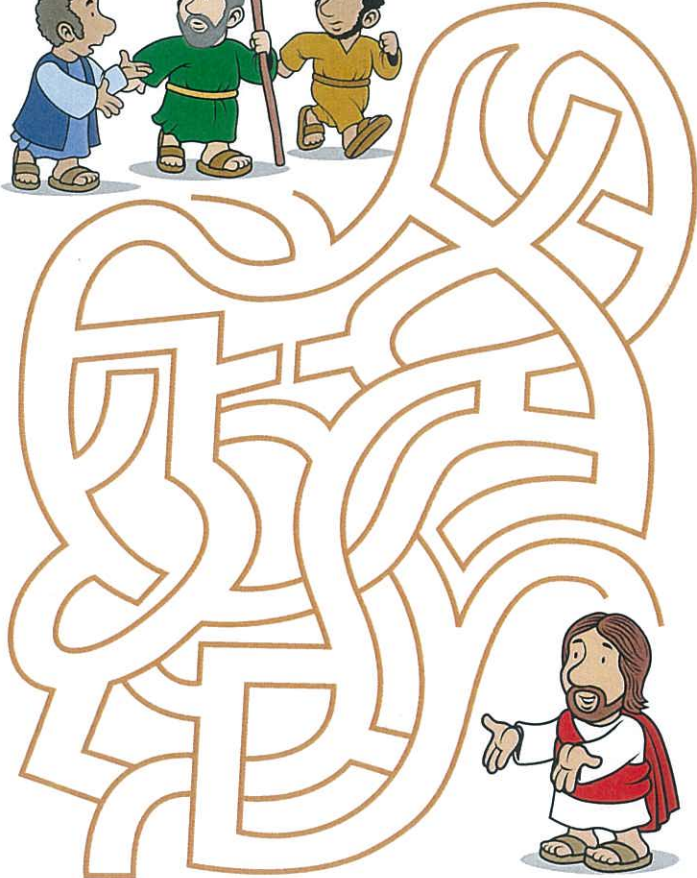


# Those who serve others are greatest

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



The disciples travelled to Jesus' home and they argued along the way. Help them get to Jesus so that he can help them settle their argument.



The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.



- SHARING**
- TELLING LIES**
- BEING NASTY**
- BEING KIND**
- TRYING YOUR BEST**
- LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- HELPING OTHERS**
- BEING HONEST**
- BEING SELFISH**



How can you be of service to others? Complete the following statements with words or pictures.

I can serve members of my family by...

I can serve my friends by...

I can serve people in my community by...



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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Our Parish Stewardship Program commences in just over two weeks – with our **Welcome Weekend** at Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Program recognizes that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community.

We encourage all parishioners to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

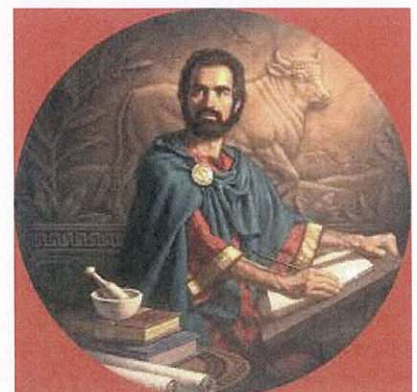
## PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special meeting as part of the Program – 'Our Future' Forum on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm in the Church. We are offering two session times, but you only need to attend one session time that suits you. This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Please mark this date in your calendar. Full Program details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish website – which will be updated regularly throughout the Program.

Together we pray for the success of the Program:

## ***(Stewardship Program Prayer)***

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you  
as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*





## *A Spirituality of Fundraising* by Henri Nouwen (excerpt)

### **Fundraising as Ministry**

**F**rom the perspective of the gospel, fundraising is not a response to a crisis. Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Vision and mission are so central to the life of God's people that without vision we perish and without mission we lose our way (Prov. 29:18; 2 Kings 21:1-90). Vision brings together needs and resources to meet those needs (Acts 9:1-19). Vision gives us courage to speak when we might want to remain silent (Acts 18:9).

Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. Fundraising is precisely the opposite of begging. When we seek to raise funds we are not saying, "Please, could you help us out because lately it's been hard." Rather, we are declaring, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you — your energy, your prayers, and your money — in this work to which God has called us." Our invitation is clear and confident because we trust that our vision and mission are like "trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither" (Ps. 1:3).

Fundraising is also always a call to conversion. And this call comes to both those who seek funds and those who have funds. Whether we are asking for money or giving money we are drawn together by God, who is about to do a new thing through our collaboration (see Isa. 43:19). To be converted means to experience a deep shift in how we see and think and act. To be converted is to be clothed in our right mind, to come to ourselves the way the younger son did when he was starving far from his true home (Luke 15:14-20). It is a shift of attention in which we set our mind on divine things (Matt. 16:23.) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom. 12:2). Fundraising as ministry involves a real conversion.

In fundraising, people who work in the marketplace are often wiser than people who work in the church. Those who are involved in big business know that you never get much money if you beg for it. I remember visiting a successful fundraiser in Texas whose office was filled with beautiful things. I said, "How do you dare to ask for money in this office?" He replied, "My office is part of my way of approaching people. It is meant to communicate that I know how

to work with money, that I know how to make money grow. This inspires confidence in the people I meet that their investment will be well used."

This approach is not for everyone, and being surrounded by nice things is not the right motivation for fundraising as ministry. Important here is that spiritually this man was saying, "I ask for money standing up, not bowing down, because I believe in what I am about. I believe that I have something important to offer." Without apology he invites people to be a part of his vision.

In fundraising as ministry, we are inviting people into a new way of relating to their resources. By giving people a spiritual vision, we want them to experience that they will in fact benefit by making their resources available to us. We truly believe that if their gift is good only for us who receive, it is not fundraising in the spiritual sense. Fundraising from the point of view of the gospel says to people: I will take your money and invest it in this vision only if it is good for your spiritual journey, only if it is good for your spiritual health." In other words, we are calling them to an experience of conversation: "You won't become poorer, you will become richer by giving." We can confidently declare with the Apostle Paul: "You will be enriched in every way for your generosity" (2 Cor. 9:11).

If this confident approach and

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