



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. Philip parishioner,

On behalf of our parish families, I would like to commend you for your interest in joining one of our lay ministries. Many of the graces and blessings we receive from God as a parish are a direct result of the prayer and work of our lay volunteers.

Every ministry must be understood as a participation in the Body of Christ. Therefore, lay ministers who serve the people of God surely must possess a generous spirit and unquestioned personal integrity.

Your family responsibilities are first in importance. Workplace obligations are second. Parish ministry duties are third. If your obligations to the first two commitments—home and work—are not being met, you should not apply for lay ministry at this time.

All applicants and currently serving Lay Ministers share these things in common: 1.) a minimum of one full year as registered members, actively participating in the parish, 2.) completion of the Sacraments of Confirmation, 3.) single & celibate living or sacramental marriage, 4.) faithfulness to the Sunday commandment and Holy Days of Obligation, 5.) receiving the Eucharist at Mass, 6.) respect for the parish dress code and 7.) fully Virtus-trained.

When your completed application form is received, a lay ministry leader will call you for a face-to-face interview. Prayer and discernment of the candidates occurs, followed by training. By the end of ministry training, candidates will have completed a Virtus workshop focusing on the care and protection of our parish children.

Lay ministers commit to participate in an annual morning of Mass, ministry fellowship, and reflection. Keep in mind that many parish ministries are age-specific, requiring persons who are 21 years of age or older. (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are recommended in writing to Cardinal Archbishop Daniel DiNardo for his approval.)

Our St. Philip lay ministry team is an important reason why God grants our parish families days of peace and joy in which to seek and find him. We are so grateful to our ministers for building up the “treasury of prayer” that sustains us every day. If you have any questions, please call Windy McMichael at the parish office: (281) 324-1478

May God grant you many graces and blessings during this time of our ministry discernment together. You are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Richard E. Barker

Reverend Richard Barker