Sponsorship

Promises to Keep
INTRODUCTION:
THE CHURCH AND THE LAITY
Primacy of the Laity in the 21st Century Church

Key Elements of Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity:

• By our Baptism we become sharers in the ministry of the Body of Christ
• It is a vocation to be fulfilled in the world (engaged as leaven)
• Role of the laity is essential in accomplishing the mission of the Church
• Laity are not only “in communion” with Church but ARE Church (not objectified)
Let your light shine before all people in order that they may see your good works and give glory to God. (Matt 5:16)

Our own times require of the laity no less zeal; in fact, modern conditions demand their apostolate be broadened and intensified.
DO YOU EVER WONDER…

How do you participate in the SC Mission?
What makes you proud of your SC connection?
How does fundraising support or contribute to the Mission?
The social fabric of life involves a conviction that we are bound together in a single destiny, that we are social by nature, not by choice. From this conviction flows the understanding that being human means accepting accountability, personally, professionally, institutionally, for the lives of others.

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SEASONS OF SPONSORSHIP
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- Stewardship
  - Spring
- Relationship
  - Summer
- Discipleship
  - Winter
- Leadership
  - Autumn
Parable of the Talents
Stewardship: Lessons for Sponsorship

- Talents were “on loan”
- The size of the investment is not important – it’s the 100% return
- The individuals, not the resources were put to work
- Talents were shared because of a relationship
- Investment was made for the absent landlord
Tire Iron and Tamale
It’s the Connections!
The Cellist of Sarajevo
“If you are a poet, you will see clearly that there is a cloud floating in this sheet of paper. Without a cloud, there will be no water; without water, trees cannot grow; and without trees, you cannot make paper. So the cloud is in here. The existence of this page is dependent up the existence of a cloud. Paper and cloud are so close.

Thich Nhat Hahn
Leadership

Servant Leadership should call us to serve a higher purpose, something beyond ourselves.

- How does my leadership change the lives of those most vulnerable in society?
- Do those led become holier, better, wiser, freer, apt themselves to become leaders?
- Does everyone in the community grow in empathy, compassion, integrity?
“GO AND DO LIKewise”

Originally offered as a response to the question, “Who is my neighbor?” the Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan continues to capture our corporate imagination and to animate us to act (serve) with compassion and love towards all. Prompted by Jesus’ story the original questioner identified the neighbor as the one who treated the needy person with mercy. Jesus replied, “Go and do likewise.”
Qualities of Discipleship

Learning

Commitment

Reflection

Fidelity
We are the clay
You are the potter
We are all the work of Your hands

Isaiah 64:8
Commitment

SC Core Values

Service to those who are poor

SC Heritage

SC Institutions
One who prays unceasingly
Is one who combines prayer with necessary duties
And duties with prayer.

Only in this way
Can we find it practicable to fulfill
The commandment to pray always.

It consists in regarding the whole of existence
As a single great prayer.

What we are accustomed to call prayer is only a part of it.

Origen (On Prayer)
Pentimento

...what was there for us once...
SISTERS OF CHARITY
AND YOU
Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost

...But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

...[our] best bid
for
REMEMBRANCE
Almost anything you do will seem insignificant, but it’s very important that you do it.

Gandhi