



## GESU PARISH

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*Placed with Jesus in the Heart of the City*

Date May 4, 2012

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is time again for the Gesu Parish Time and Talent Appeal!

Pope John Paul II wrote in ***Christifidelis Laici***:

*“Every Christian is called to participate actively and co-responsibly in the Church’s mission... The Holy Spirit pours out gifts which make it possible for every Christian man and woman to assume different ministries and forms of service that complement one another and are for the good of all.”*

We ask you to personally contemplate and pray about how best to answer your baptismal call of service in the Body of Christ. As in the past we are asking each household member age 18 or older, or anyone wishing to participate, to provide your individual input via the attached document which summarizes our ministries and service opportunities. You may also provide additional input, suggestions or requests in the space provided or by writing in your thoughts on the back of the page.

In addition, this year we are introducing two new service programs:

**Prayer Chain Ministry** – Prayer is at the heart of our life together in Christ. The Gesu Prayer Chain will be a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them by telephone or email to the next person in the network, and then pray for each request. Anyone can participate in this vocation to intercede on behalf of others by lifting up in prayer specific requests, concerns, and emergency situations.

**Call Me List** – If you want to help but find it challenging to consider longer term commitments or tasks then the Gesu Call Me List is for you! The “Call Me” program will be a list of people to be called for one specific short term undertaking. When you are called if you can help – Great! If the timing is still bad – No Problem! On the attached form you will see “call me” suggestions to consider, but really the list of opportunity is limitless..

We do much and provide for many at Gesu. The reality is none of it would be possible without you. In addition research has shown that people who use their talents in parish service find friends, grow in their spiritual life and feel that “they make a difference” for the parish and others. On a personal note, besides all that, it is often just simply fun to be involved!

So, please answer your baptismal call by completing and returning the enclosed form with your input by June 10, 2012. You may place the form in the offertory basket at anytime, mail, fax (414-288-5339) or drop the form off at the parish office. If you are inclined, you may also provide your input on-line. Just look for the form under Stewardship – Time & Talent on the Gesu Parish website at [www.gesuparish.org](http://www.gesuparish.org).

Yours in Christ,

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