

Using Your Talents in Saint Clement Ministries

Provided as a supplement to *Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community*. (Pages 155 – 222)
This list is NOT all inclusive of the opportunities for using your Talents in the Parish. While every ministry and parish activity needs a wide variety of talents to be successful use this reference AND pages 155-222 as you think about applying YOUR talents in Saint Clement and in YOUR life.

Check www.clement.org for more details for Pray – Belong – Serve Opportunities. Contact Maggie Hanley, Director of Community Outreach at mhanley@clement.org – please note, Jan Hann jhann@clement.org is filling in for Maggie until January 1st 2014.

Achiever – You take great satisfaction from being busy and productive

- Volunteer to coordinate a meal for the Lincoln Park Shelter or Ronald McDonald House.
- Get involved in a Parish Project such as Service Day held each spring.

Activator – You make things happen by turning thoughts into action.

- Find a ministry cause that really means something to you. (Add examples here – e.g. Homelessness, Hunger, Education, etc.)
- Your spiritual growth comes from doing not discussing ; consider volunteering at the Lincoln Park Shelter, as a catechist, or getting involved with Saint Clement Sister Parishes in Chicago and/or El Salvador .

Adaptability – You are comfortable living one day at a time.

- Check the parish bulletin each week for Donate a Day and other opportunities to find ways to live your faith. Get involved at least once every other month!

Analytical -You have the ability to think about all factors that might affect a situation.

- Watch for the bulletin for opportunities to blend your faith and intellect. E.g. Participating and/or leading book discussions.
- <http://clement.org/who-we-are/lay-leadership> Check out the visionary and strategic nature of the work being doing by Saint Clement Lay Leaders. Volunteer to get involved.

Arranger – You can organize and like to figure out how all the pieces and resources can be arranged for maximum productivity.

- Consider organizing and leading a small faith group.
- Get involved to organizing BIG parish projects such as service day, New Parishioner events, etc. .

Belief – You have certain core values that are unchanging – through these values a defined purpose for your life has emerged.

- Share your core beliefs by getting involved as a sponsor or lay leader in the RCIA process or teaching religious education.

Command – You can take control of a situation and make decisions.

- Volunteer as a team captain for Service Day or a Meal Coordinator for Lincoln Park Shelter.
- Look for opportunities for Lay leadership <http://clement.org/who-we-are/lay-leadership>.

Communication – You find it easy to put thoughts into words. You are a good conversationalist and facilitator.

- Volunteer to be a “facilitator” for future Living Your Strengths sessions.
- Volunteer to be a lector.
- Share your stewardship story in the Saint Clement Parish Bulletin .

Competition – You strive to measure progress against the performance of others. You know that progress must be measured to be meaningful.

- You could be a key contributor to many Saint Clement groups as we increase our ability to evaluate various programs and to measure engagement of parishioners. Offer to do benchmarking for the engagement committee or other committees and then define ways that improvement can be measured.

Connectedness – You have faith in the links between all things.

- Link your small faith group with other small faith groups. Pray for one another’s needs.
- Join the Men’s Communio or other Saint Clement prayer groups.

Consistency – You are keenly aware of the need to treat people the same; you are sensitive to inequality and injustice.

- Join Saint Clement Peace and Justice Group .

Context –You enjoy thinking about the past and understand the present by researching its history.

- <http://clement.org/who-we-are/our-history-0> Take a look at the Website; how could you volunteer to keep the history “up to date”?
- Form a small faith group that focuses on examining the lives of popes and saints and discussing the model they give for living life in the 21st Century.

Deliberative—You are described as one who takes serious care in making decisions or choices. You anticipate obstacles.

- Let the parish staff and lay leaders if you are interested in becoming involved in groups that are planning and making decisions for the future of the parish.

Developer –You recognize and cultivate the potential in others. You derive satisfaction from even small signs of improvement.

- Talk with the Saint Clement School about mentoring students.
- Consider volunteering with the Saint Clement Youth Ministry - the “God Squad”.

Discipline –You enjoy routine and structure and can create an order in your world.

- Volunteer in one or our weekly ministries such as the Friday Sack Lunch Program or the monthly Ronald McDonald House dinner.
- Participate in the weekly Centering Prayer <http://clement.org/pray/prayer-groups/centering-prayer> or Scripture Study Group.
- Consider becoming a Mass Coordinator or Sacristan.

Empathy –You can sense the feelings of other people by imagining yourself in other’s lives or others’ situations.

- Consider becoming a Minister of Care taking community to patients in Lincoln Park Hospital, Lurie Children’s Hospital, and nursing homes as well as to homebound parishioners.
- <http://clement.org/serve/support-and-counseling/aids-outreach> Volunteer in the AIDS Outreach Community.

Focus – You take a direction, follow through, and make the necessary corrections to stay on track.

- Volunteer to serve on a committee that needs to accomplish a complex goal. Spring Service Day or new projects that come up. Watch the Saint Clement Bulletin or Online Plaza Newsletter.

Futuristic—You are inspired by the future and what could be. You inspire others with your visions of the future.

- Consider applying to work with the Parish Engagement Committee; its purpose is to encourage and assist parishioners in establishing a deeper connection to Saint Clement, to the Church and to their faith so as to grow in their understanding and practice of prayer, service and giving. <http://clement.org/who-we-are/lay-leadership/parish-engagement-committee>
- Already a member of a parish committee? Intentionally share your vision of possibilities for Saint Clement Church's future.

Harmony—You experience spiritual satisfaction and growth by being involved in hands-on, practical projects.

- Check the Sunday Bulletin and <http://clement.org/serve> for regular requests for parishioner involvement. Make a commitment at least once a month.

Ideation—You are fascinated by ideas and are able to find connections between seemingly disparate phenomena.

- Look for new ways of doing things on the Saint Clement Committees/Groups /projects that you are active with or join.
- Express your interest in parish lay leadership roles to Fr. Ken or other staff.

Includer –You are accepting of others—showing awareness for those who feel left out and you make an effort to include them.

- The Welcome and Hospitality Ministry needs you.
- Consider volunteering for Saint Clement Friday Morning Sack Lunch Hospitality or Lincoln Park Shelter 1st Sunday meals or 3rd Friday dinners.

Individualization—You are intrigued by the qualities of each person and have a gift for figuring out how people who are different can work together.

- Become a Living Our Strengths Facilitator at Saint Clement.
- Join the Welcome and Hospitality committee to plan and host new parishioner receptions and dinners.

Input—You have a craving to know more!

- Keep an eye out for adult formation opportunities listed in the bulletin or on the website. <http://clement.org/learn/adult-faith-formation>
- You might want to teach a class in the Sunday CCD program.
- Join or lead a small faith group to study scripture
- Volunteer in the RCIA program

Intellection—You are characterized by your intellectual activity and you truly appreciate intellectual discussion.

- Participate in the book and lecture discussions offered frequently by the Parish.
- Volunteer to review and recommend books for future discussions.
- Consider leading a book discussion.

Learner—You have a great desire to learn and you want to continuously improve.

- Start a small faith group around religious teachings, Catholic faith and spirituality.
- Join other Saint Clement Parishioners in our book discussions or other learning opportunities.
<http://clement.org/learn>

Maximizer- - You focus on strengths as a way to stimulate group and personal excellence.

- Focus on your gifts – consider joining the music ministry or becoming a lector
- Consider a teaching in Sunday Morning Religious Education.

Positivity – You have an enthusiasm that is contagious; you are upbeat and can get others excited.

- Consider sharing your story of Stewardship at Saint Clement in the Stories of Stewards column in the bulletin or in the “Why I Come” section of the <http://clement.org/belong>
- Volunteer to serve on the Welcome and Hospitality Committee to plan celebrations for St. Clement Parish.

Relator—You enjoy close relationships with others. You find deep satisfaction in working hard with friends to achieve a goal.

- Start or Join a small faith community.
- Sponsor an RCIA candidate.

Responsibility—You take ownership of what you say you will do.

- Volunteer to coordinate a meal for the Lincoln Park Shelter.
- Volunteer to be a team captain for the Saint Clement Service Day.

Restorative—You are adept in figuring out better ways to do things.

- Talk with the Parish Staff about potential lay leadership roles.
- Work the Human Concerns Commission to be an advocate for the disadvantaged.

Self-Assurance –You feel confident in your ability.

- Use the Sunday Mass Journal to reflect on how God is speaking to you through your own voice. Mass Journals are available in the vestibule of the church.
- Volunteer to lead a book discussion or Small Faith Group.

Significance—You are independent and enjoy being recognized.

- Talk with parish staff and lay leaders to identify a really big project such as Service Day or the Fall Fest or a Fund Raising Activity.
- Volunteer to share your Stewardship Story with others.

Strategic –You create alternative ways to proceed and can easily spot relevant patterns and issues.

- Express your interest in strategic activities with parish staff and lay leaders. <http://clement.org/who-we-are>

WOO-- You love the challenge of meeting new people and winning them over. You derive satisfaction from breaking the ice and making connections.

- Join the Ministry of Hospitality.
- Join a Saint Clement Study group – you will enjoy meeting new people.