

Ministry

Some think of ministry in terms of the tasks performed at Mass, like being a Minister of the Eucharist or Choir Member. But ministry goes much deeper than that. It is a way of life.

One of the best definitions of ministry I've found comes from the book "The Ministry of Music" by Fr. William Bauman:

"Ministry is service rendered out of love, and with a deep respect for the person served, after the model of Jesus. Ministry is never self-seeking; ministry is giving, and it is the kind of giving in which one loves the persons one gives to. To bring joy, to bring relief from pain and sorrow, to end anxiety and fear, to share what enriches – this is ministry. Ministry is not an attempt to make someone over in some preconceived pattern. It uncritically respects the individuality, taste, and life choices of the persons served, freeing them to create themselves anew. It urges, inspires, shares, supports; it never forces."

Bauman's words continue to remind me of who I am and who I want to become. Be open to the call –find out how God is calling you to serve this community.

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