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WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. We learn to serve well by following His example.



Think about this as a leader of an event

What have I learned from this event?



How can I improve this event?

What is there to consider when leading an event?

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR LORD



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SERVICE PILLAR

THE FIRST EVENT IS A FOOD DRIVE. THIS IS JUSTIFIABLE BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING FOOD PRICES AND STATEMENTS; LEADING FROM MULTIPLE FOOD BANKS SAYING THAT THEIR CURRENT RATE OF USAGE IS UNSUSTAINABLE AND CONCERNING. AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THIS IS THE DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR LARGE SCALE AND THEIR EASE-OF-USE. THEY HAVE DEDICATED TOOLS ON THEIR WEBSITE TO START FOOD DRIVES AND FUNDRAISERS. COLLECTION BINS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THEIR WAREHOUSE, AND CIRCLES CAN ADVERTISE THE DRIVE USING THEIR CHURCH AND ANY OTHER METHODS AVAILABLE. FOOD CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SAME WAREHOUSE; THE LOCATION OF WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE ([HTTPS://WWW.DAILYBREAD.CA/WAYS-TO-GIVE/COMMUNITY-CHAMPION/](https://www.dailybread.ca/ways-to-give/community-champion/)). THIS IS EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE FOOD BANK USAGE INCREASES WITH THE ARRIVAL OF WINTER.

THE SECOND EVENT IS A SNOW-SHOVELLING COMMITMENT, MEANT FOR SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY. ONCE AGAIN ADVERTISING USING THE CIRCLE'S CHURCH AND OTHER METHODS, SENIORS WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO THE CIRCLE. THE IDEA IS THAT WHEN THERE IS SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL, THE SQUIRES OF THE CIRCLE CAN SPEND THE DAY SPLIT INTO TWO OR THREE-MAN TEAMS TO CLEAR THE PROPERTY OF THE SENIORS, WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. NOT HAVING SNOW CLEARED CAN GREATLY AFFECT THE CAPABILITIES OF SENIORS TO MOVE AROUND AND OUT OF THEIR PROPERTIES. THIS ALLOWS SQUIRES CAN PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL METHOD OF HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE THIRD EVENT IS A TOILETRIES AND CLOTHING DRIVE. I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN GREAT SUCCESS IN MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF THIS RECENTLY EXECUTED. YOUTH WITH SHELTER SERVE HOMELESS YOUTH, AND THE ORGANIZATION RUNNING THE EVENT ALWAYS NEEDS SUPPORT. THE ADVERTISING AND ORGANIZING CAN WORK SIMILARLY TO THE FOOD DRIVE, WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE DRIVE BEING ITEMS SUCH AS BODY WASH, CLEANING SUPPLIES, DISH SOAP, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND SKIN CARE PRODUCTS, IN ADDITION TO CLOTHING ITEMS. INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULING CAN BE ACQUIRED THROUGH CONTACT OF COMMUNICATIONS@YWS.ON.CA.



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CIRCLE PILLAR

DURING WINTER YOU WANT TO FEEL WARM, THAT'S WHY YOU DRINK HOT CHOCOLATE. HOT CHOCOLATE IS EASY TO MAKE AND BUY. YOU CAN ASK YOUR PARISH PRIEST TO ADVERTISE A COFFEE SUNDAY BUT ALONG WITH COFFEE YOU MAY SERVE, HOT CHOCOLATE. THIS WILL BE A LARGE EVENT SO IT IS RECOMMENDED TO REQUEST SOME HELP FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT YOUR PARISH TO WORK TOGETHER. YOU CAN BUY MOST OF THESE INGREDIENTS AT STORES LIKE WALMART, BULK BARN AND MORE PLACES. SO GO GET WARM WITH SOME HOT CHOCOLATE.

THIS EVENT YOU CAN INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUT, THERE MULTIPLE THINGS YOU DO IN THIS ONE EVENT GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST, WINTER CRAFT CHRISTMAS KARAOKE AND MORE, MOST OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND CRAFT YOU CAN BUY AND WALMART OR EVEN ANY ART PLACE, FOR THE KARAOKE YOU CAN ASK YOUR PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN USE THE SPEAKER AND PLAY SOME MUSIC SO PEOPLE CAN DO SOME KARAOKE

SOME PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO SKATE AND THAT'S FINE. THIS IS WHERE YOU KICK OFF A LOT OF TEAM BUILDING AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE SKATES, YOU CAN RENT SOME FROM ANOTHER OR THE STORES AT CERTAIN RINKS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES WHERE YOU COULD GO SKATING LIKE HOCKEY RINKS WHICH YOU CAN RENT (DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PLACES), OUTDOOR RINKS AND PONDS. SO GRAB YOUR SKATES AND LET'S GO SKATING.



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SPIRITUAL PILLAR

THE FIRST EVENT IS A HYBRID EVENT, WHICH MEANS IT CAN BE DONE IN PERSON OR ONLINE. THE EVENT IS CALLED 40 DAYS OF INTENTIONS. THIS EVENT IS BASED ON THE GIFT OF PRAYER AND THE THANKSGIVING OF THE SEASON. ON THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, TO THE LAST DAY OF LENT, SQUIRES CAN MAKE A LIST OR BOOKLET OF 40 DAYS OF INTENTIONS THAT THEY WANT TO PRAY FOR, OR EVEN THINGS THAT THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR (ANYTHING FROM THE HEART). AT THE END OF THE LENT, THE CHIEF SQUIRE CAN SCHEDULE AN ONLINE MEETING OR GO TO A CHURCH HALL TO PUT ALL THE BOOKLETS IN A BASKET AND HAVE PRAYER SESSION WITH THEM. THIS EVENT BRINGS THE SQUIRES TOGETHER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAISES GOD FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE FOR US.

THE SECOND EVENT IS A REPEATABLE EVENT AND IS AN ONLINE EVENT. THE EVENT IS CALLED THE CHRISTMAS STORY ADVENTURE. DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE CIRCLE, THE CHIEF SQUIRE CAN ASSIGN ONE OR MORE SQUIRE TO PICK THEIR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS STORY OR WINTER STORY FROM THE BIBLE, AND SHARE IT WITH THE CIRCLE. THIS EVENT CAN BE DONE EVERY BUSINESS MEETING, AT ANY TIME DURING IT. THE CHIEF SQUIRE CAN ALLOCATE WHAT PARTS OF THE MEETING THEY WANT TO DO AT THE EVENT. THIS EVENT GETS THE SQUIRES TO SPEAK AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES, AND TO ALSO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS, BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, BIBLE STORIES HAVE VERY TRUTHFUL AND MEANINGFUL MESSAGES, AND TO LEARN ABOUT THESE DIFFERENT PASSAGES CAN REALLY EXPAND ON THE SQUIRES ACTIONS AND MINDSET DURING THE SEASON OF GIVING.

THE THIRD EVENT IS AN IN PERSON EVENT. THE EVENT IS TO HOST AN ADVENT SQUIRES MASS. THE CHIEF SQUIRE CAN CONTACT YOUR CIRCLES LOCAL PARISH'S PASTOR AND ASK HIM IF YOUR CIRCLE COULD HELP OUT AT A MASS THERE. IF HE SAYS YES, THEN YOUR CIRCLE CAN SET UP A DATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE SQUIRES CAN ATTEND ON. YOUR CIRCLE WILL ALSO HAVE TO ALLOCATE ROLES TO THE DIFFERENT MEMBERS SUCH AS ALTAR SERVERS, USHERS, READERS, ETC. THIS CAN ALSO BE TURNED INTO A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IF YOU PROMOTE THIS MASS BY MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE PARISH WEEKS BEFORE YOUR SQUIRES SET-UP MASS. DURING THE LENT AND ADVENT SEASON MOST OF IMPORTANT LITURGICAL EVENTS HAPPEN, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS, EASTER, GOOD FRIDAY. THIS IS THE TIME WHERE MOST KIDS COME TO CHURCH SO IT IS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET YOUR CIRCLES MEMBERSHIP QUOTA. THIS EVENT CAN WORK ON THE CIRCLES COMMUNICATION, PLANNING, AND BONDING.



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MEMBERSHIP PILLAR

THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP EVENT TO START BOOSTING YOUR CIRCLE'S NUMBERS IS HOLDING INFORMATION BOOTHS AT LOCAL CHURCHES. BY DELEGATING A FEW SQUIRES AND A COUNSELLOR TO SET UP A TABLE, NEAR THE END OF MASS, YOU CAN AIM TO CATCH THE INTEREST OF PARENTS AND BOYS PRACTICING THEIR FAITH. THE PROVINCIAL BOARD HAS MANY RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED SUCH AS INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND MERCHANDISE, SO DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF YOUR CIRCLE NEEDS ASSISTANCE. DON'T FORGET TO BRING MEMBERSHIP FORMS, AS YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SEND THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING, HOME EMPTY-HANDED. A GOOD TIME TO HOLD AN EVENT LIKE THIS WOULD BE ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS SUCH AS DURING THE SEASONS OF ADVENT OR LENT, AS THESE DATES TEND TO HAVE HIGHER TURNOUTS. A GREAT EVENT TO PAIR WITH THIS WOULD BE A SQUIRE'S MASS, AS SEEING YOUNG MEN BEING ACTIVE IN THEIR PARISH MAY SPARK MORE INTEREST IN THE PARENTS OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN HAVING NEW MEMBERS COME TO YOU? THAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS NEXT MEMBERSHIP EVENT. BY CREATING WELL-DESIGNED POSTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CIRCLE AND UPCOMING EVENTS, YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BRING IN MEMBERS WITHOUT HOLDING A PHYSICAL EVENT. THE POSTERS COULD BE HUNG UP IN LOCAL SCHOOLS, PARISHES, AND ANY OTHER LOCATIONS THAT YOU BELIEVE POTENTIAL MEMBERS MAY BE FOUND IN. FOR THE POSTERS THEMSELVES, I WOULD RECOMMEND DELEGATING A GROUP OF TWO OR THREE SQUIRES TO OVERSEE THE DESIGNING AND PRINTING. FEEL FREE TO ASK THE PROVINCIAL BOARD ABOUT RESOURCES AND/OR IMAGERY THAT CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO YOUR DESIGNS. THE FINAL STEP IS GETTING YOUR POSTERS OUT THERE. THIS WOULD MEAN REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HANG YOUR POSTERS IN YOUR PLANNED LOCATIONS. YOU MAY EVEN CONSIDER ASKING FOR THE PROGRAM TO BE PROMOTED AT MASS OR DURING SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS TO STIR SOME INTEREST.

FINALLY, A GREAT WAY TO BOOST MEMBERSHIP IS TO ALWAYS BE RECRUITING. BY INCORPORATING A MEMBERSHIP ELEMENT INTO EACH OF YOUR CIRCLE'S EVENTS, YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF CONSISTENTLY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS. I WOULD RECOMMEND CREATING AN INFORMATION CARD OR PAMPHLET THAT CAN BE EASILY RECREATED OR PRINTED SO THAT YOU CAN HAND THEM OUT TO ANYBODY INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM. SOME EVENTS THAT COULD UTILIZE INFORMATION CARDS/PAMPHLETS WOULD BE GYM NIGHTS WHERE YOU COULD HAND THEM OUT TO INVITED GUESTS. FUNDRAISING EVENTS ALLOW YOU TO HAND THEM OUT TO GIVE PATRONS A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THEY'RE SUPPORTING, OR EVEN HAVING THEM AVAILABLE AS AN EXTRA RESOURCE AT MEMBERSHIP DRIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WOULD MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP EVENT IDEAS DETAILED ABOVE. TAKING THE POSTERS FOR INSTANCE, YOU COULD ASSIGN A GROUP OF SQUIRES TO MANAGE THE CREATION OF THE CARDS/PAMPHLETS OR ASK THE PROVINCIAL BOARD FOR PREEXISTING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR USE BY YOUR CIRCLE.