## **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**

Whatever skills I have acquired, whatever gifts I have been given, I place them at your service. (St. Augustine)

Consider donating your time and talents to one or more of the many ministries in our parish. Below is a description of some of those ministries. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the back of the sheet and return to the parish office.

"Stewardship is undeniably fruitful. Where, over time, more and more parishioners become engaged in committing their time, talent, and treasure to the work of the Gospel, the Church flourishes." (Cardinal Collins - Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)

**GREETERS & USHERS** serve the Liturgy by helping to establish a climate of welcome, helpfulness and order among those who are gathered. They assist the assembly with practical details so that the Liturgy and Sacred Rites can be celebrated with ease and grace.

**LECTORS** serve the liturgical assembly by proclaiming Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word. The competent exercise of this role enables the Church to hear the Word of God more clearly and receive it more readily. Training will be provided.

**CHOIRS** have a great importance in the Parish's Liturgy. They share in the proper performance of the music sung, and encourage the active participation of the faithful in the singing.

**ALTAR SERVERS** serve on the altar and assist the priest. This ministry is open to those who have received their First Holy Communion. Training will be provided.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD INSTRUCTORS** assist with presenting the Liturgy of the Word to children. It is adapted to be made relevant to the lives of young children and gives them an opportunity to receive and respond to the Sunday readings.

**PASTORAL VISITORS** make scheduled visits to people at home, a nursing home or retirement home, or in the hospital. They are commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who receive/have received training and are mandated by the Pastor.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** creates a space and time for children aged 3 – 12 to be with God. The space, which we call the Atrium, is a place where every detail, from the handmade catechetical materials to the presentations and celebrations, aims to lead children to prayer, to a deeper understanding of the Sacraments and Scripture, to fuller participation in the life of the Church, and to a hope born of sure knowledge of God's plan and their place in that plan.

**THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)** is founded on the principle of serving persons in need. This activity of charity is the fundamental characteristic of the Society. Our founder, Frédéric Ozanam said: "I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity." Members of the Society are united in the same spirit of poverty and of sharing. They offer their goods, talents, and wealth in the service of their neighbours, persons in need, primarily by conducting home visits.

**The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA** calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Any woman over the age of 16 is invited to join the League for Faith and Fellowship. There are forms in the Vestibule or contact us at **cwl.st.leonards.brampton@gmail.com**.

**The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are a fraternal organization who participate in charity work in their own area. Come join us and experience the camaraderie we enjoy as well as the satisfaction of helping others. We offer the benefits of insurance and a social society dedicated to helping the less fortunate. Membership is open to men 18 and over.

**ST. LEONARD YOUTH MINISTRY** gathers young people in Grades 7-12. They meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Come out and develop a strong foundation, discover your own personal faith journey, build lasting relationships, and a deepening personal relationship with God. Contact: <a href="mailto:stleonardyouth@hotmail.com">stleonardyouth@hotmail.com</a>.

The **GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH MINISTRY** helps and prepares meals once a month to provide food for those less fortunate. A pan is provided by the ministry, along with recipes. All you need to do is prepare a dish in the pan and freeze it. Drop off days are on the first Saturday every month (except on holiday weekends, where it will be the following Saturday) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please indicate below ministries that you would be interested in joining or becoming a member of. If there is a ministry that you don't see or would like to offer your time and talent in some way to the parish, please indicate or contact the parish office.

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Greeter/Usher	a Member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Lector	a Member of the Catholic Women's League
Choir Member	a Member of the Knights of Columbus
Altar Server	Children's Liturgy of the Word Instructor
Pastoral Visitor	Instructor Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
St. Leonard Youth Ministry	Good Shepherd Outreach Ministry
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"He calls us to use the gifts he has given to us in such abundance, during the brief time we have in this world, to show our love for the Lord God by effectively loving others in ways that will help them. And let us look at our parish: look at all the different ways each one of us can work together as parishioners to strengthen one another; to use our different talents individually, as a parish community, and as a diocesan community to serve other people and to do so for the glory of our Lord."

From the Homily of Cardinal Collins - Stewardship Sunday September 18, 2022