

October Stewardship Month in the Archdiocese

'A Call To Holiness'

Pope Francis, in "Gaudete et Exsultate", Rejoice and be Glad! speaks of holiness as "the most attractive face of the Church" (9) and says that "we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves" (14). "Do not be afraid of holiness" he says, "It will take away none of your energy, vitality, or joy" (32)

How can you be involved?

- Join a parish group or invite some friends to get together and read 'Gaudete et Exsultate'. Sr Elizabeth Julian sm has created **five hour-long reflections**, one for each chapter of Gaudete et Exsultate, for use by parish groups, pastoral councils, prayer groups etc. This is a wonderfully accessible resource and available on the Archdiocesan website.
- Commit to praying **the Examen** each night – found in the September Cardinal's Column of Welcom.
- ASB are calling for people to identify people in their communities who are 'good sorts'. Why not identify, affirm, and celebrate the GodSorts in your community? Pope Francis says, "Very often it is holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence." (7)
- Take part in a Gift Discernment process in your parish.
- Take part in the **Stewardship Retreat at Sacred Heart Church, Britannia Street, Petone** on Saturday, October 27 from 9.30-3.45pm. This day is an opportunity for each of us to discern how to live joyfully the life God calls us to live. Look for the poster in your parish or on the Archdiocesan Website.