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GOD MIXING WITH US/US MIXING WITH GOD

Our new Christian Formation Program — For every age person in the Parish ... For single adults, families with teens and children, “empty-nesters,” widows and widowers ... For all who want to grow in the life with the Lord and in the life of the Parish. Beginning the first Sunday in October and each month through May, from 12:30 - 2:30 P.M. — A simple meal together, prayer, and a time for a theme of faith shared with one’s age level. Every age group, from the youngest to the oldest, will discuss the same topic in their specific class. What a wonderful way to involve the family, by discussing the day’s events at home. Registration for everyone will be after each Eucharist.

Several catechists and assistants are still needed to make this a most successful endeavor. Lesson plans are already developed for you. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Stewardship

God made a covenant with each of us when he promised to love us. We know from the Bible that everything we have is a “gift from God.” We are stewards of those gifts – managers of the many gifts God has given us. As Christian stewards we recognize that all we have – all that we are – belongs to God, and we are accountable to Him for the use of these gifts.

Stewardship is not simply an “appeal for funds” - it is a way of life. All members of our family of faith are called to be Christian stewards and share their gifts of time, talent and treasure in proportion to the blessing we have received.

God has granted each of us with gifts, some we may not know we have. There are many opportunities and ministries at ICC in which you can explore, and develop your gifts and talents. This monthly newsletter is designed to make you aware of those ministries and opportunities.

Some ministries involve more commitment than others, but do not let that stop you from finding out more about them – explore, pray, and be open to share your gifts.

You may contact any member of the stewardship committee and they will be glad to answer any questions you may have. We are sure your experiences in sharing your gifts with the community of ICC will truly enrich your life

YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Msgr. Bob Perkins Carol Dufresne
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Name the Newsletter

You will notice that this newsletter has “no name.” We need help with that. Review the mission guide above and see if you can come up with a good name for this recurring publication. Jot down your suggestions along with your name and phone number on a piece of paper and drop it off in the box marked “Stewardship” in the coat /mail room across from the library.



# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY



On Sunday, July 13 Bhagwat and Deo Rimal came to IC to talk about their experience in the refugee camps and their hopes for the future. The Refugee Resettlement Ministry, consisting of many parishioners, responded to the call of the words of Jesus..." I was a stranger and you welcomed me". Sign ups for volunteer and donations were overwhelmingly responded to.

The Rimal family arrived in Virginia on August 31, 2008. Their homeland is Bhutan but they fled to

a refugee camp in Nepal where they have been living until they were able to come to the United States to settle.

Two apartments in Candlewood Apartments, Newport News were furnished and stocked with non-perishables and groceries- all from the generosity of IC parishioners. One apartment is for the father, Khadka, and his wife, Hema and two of their daughters, Saraswati and Tulasha. The other apartment is for son Netra and another son and his

wife who could not travel yet because they are anticipating the birth of their first child.

Bhagwat and Deo Rimal and their families each have their own apartment which the Refugee and Immigration Services had set up. There are 14 members of the Rimal family now here. Many parishioners attended a training to teach English to the refugees and are now doing so.

On September 13, a fundraiser, 7 course wine and dinner and silent auction, was held for the continuing needs for our family to resettle. When a refugee arrives in the U.S., the Refugee and Immigration office receives \$425.00 per refugee to resettle. An apartment needs to be rented and insured, utilities paid, and supplied with some furnishings and food. Eligible workers funds are needed until work is found. Thus, the fundraiser was very beneficial. Specific ministries needed include helping with bus transportation, shopping, help with the English language and many other areas we take for granted as Americans. Please offer to help in some way.



If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Brenda Drotter. This is the newest ministry at ICC and help is needed in several areas. Think, Pray, the Act.

**WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BOUNTY TO ME?**