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Caring companions on the journey

Christ the King is starting Stephen Ministry

by Theresa Hofer

Coping with a chronic illness. Dealing with a job crisis. Caring for a sick family member. Grieving the death of a loved one. These are just a few of the life challenges that we all grapple with at some point in our lives.

We are not meant to deal with these challenges alone. First, of course, we need God. One of the ways that we experience Him, though, is by the members of His Body who listen to us and walk beside us through the

dark valleys and rough times.

At one time our networks of family and friends provided the support that we needed during those difficult times. As our society has become more fragmented, however, it has become harder to find those special people who can support us in times of need. How do you find someone to care, to listen to you, and to share God's love?

That is why there is Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry we are starting at Christ the King in which deacons and trained and supervised laypersons provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained caregivers. Their role is to listen, care, and share God's love—not to give advice or counsel.

Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds

"We exist to joyfully worship God and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit." -
Mission Statement of Christ the King

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Is every act of service ministry? There are three characteristics that distinguish our Christian service.



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Ministry

by Fr. Ed Fride



“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

With this Scripture, as well as many others, the Lord Jesus reminds us that part of our relationship with Him is that we are involved with ministry, that is, actions we undertake to help others. That may seem like a definition that is too broad to be of much use, but if you look at how the Church describes the corporal works of mercy, the spiritual works of mercy, and other aspects of the Christian's responsibility to serve, we see that anytime we act to alleviate the legitimate needs of another person, we are doing ministry.

While we tend to think of ministry more in terms of “spiritual actions,” we are all familiar with the approach of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who spoke of ministry being as simple as giving a

thirsty person a cup of cold water—an example rooted in the words of the Lord Jesus Himself.

This raises the question, “Is every act of service therefore ministry?” For example, is every act of service that a paid social worker does also ministry? Here we need to make a crucial distinction. While the actions may be the same, there are three characteristics that distinguish our Christian service:

- **It is done for the love of the Lord Jesus;**
- **It is done with the love of the Lord Jesus; and**
- **It is done with the hope of deepening the experience of the Lord Jesus' love in the one being served.**

In other words, His love is our motivation, it is the source of our power, and the ultimate goal of our actions is that they will result in the person having a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus. The actions themselves may look identical to the actions undertaken by secular workers for purely secular ends, but

that we do them in Him and with Him in mind make them very different.

St. Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters provide another concrete example. A Hindu lady asked for Baptism after watching one of Mother Teresa's Sisters bathe a dying man. Why? Because there was something in that event that convinced her that the Lord Jesus was real. The bathing technique was no different than how anybody else would have done it and there were no words spoken of an evangelizing nature, but she experienced the Lord Jesus in the event.

There are several different ministries spoken of in this issue; some are more explicitly evangelical than others. The bottom line is, however the Lord Jesus calls us to serve, if we do it for His love, in His love, and with the goal of deepening the person's relationship with Him, He will always move and the Kingdom will be built.

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what they can provide. When that happens, they work with the care receiver to help them find and receive the type of care they need.

Ann Fons was instrumental in bringing Stephen Ministry to Christ the King. "About 15 years ago," she says, "I became aware of an acquaintance who was going through a very difficult time. I felt the Lord ask me to consider how I might provide some long term support for this woman. I decided to go to her house once a week and just visit with her. I let her lead the conversation and tried to just be there and listen in a supportive way. We did this for about a year during which time her outlook on life improved a great deal. Later, she told me how much she had looked forward to my visits and how much they helped her." Ann later did the same thing with another woman facing some serious challenges.

Then about two years ago as she prayed about how she could serve now that her children were grown, Ann sensed the Lord asking her to teach others to do what she had done. "I had no idea how to go about it," she says, "so I just started talking to people about what the Lord was asking me to do. Someone said, 'Oh, that's already a "thing." It's called Stephen Ministry.'"

When Ann researched it, she learned that Stephen Ministry was founded in St. Louis in 1975. Stephen Ministries-St. Louis provides extensive training and



Stephen Leaders will oversee and direct our Stephen Ministers. Christ the King's Stephen Leaders are (l-r) Julie Toshach, Brigid Kowalczyk, Ann Fons, and Dcn. John Ozog.

ongoing support to those wanting to bring the ministry to their own congregations. More than 13,000 congregations from more than 170 Christian denominations have been trained through Stephen Ministries.

In 2018, Ann made a proposal to the clergy for bringing the ministry to Christ the King. Dcn. Dan then presented it to the Senior Leadership Team, which approved moving forward.

Stephen Ministry involves people in three main roles:

- **Stephen Leaders** oversee and direct our Stephen Ministers. They will recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister.
- **Stephen Ministers** are the caregivers. They receive 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including general topics

such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Catholic resources in caregiving. In addition, their training covers specialized topics such as ministering to the hospitalized, bereaved, divorced, and aging. Stephen Ministers participate in twice-monthly peer supervision and continuing education.

- **Care Receivers** are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our parish or community who are experiencing grief, loss of a job, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit from the relationship. Men serve men and women serve women.

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compassion and quite possibly a closer relationship with Jesus Christ."

The other Stephen Leader team member, Brigid Kowalczyk, was initially hesitant to get

involved. "My spiritual and natural gifts run toward organizing and coordinating," she says, "not necessarily toward comforting and encouraging." But she came to recognize that Stephen Ministry could use her administrative skills for God's glory. "By administering the Stephen Ministry at CTK, I can support the Stephen Ministers who are caring for hurting souls as they give them a healing touch when they need it most."

Christ the King is in the process of recruiting and training its first group of Stephen Ministers. The six-month training process will begin in October 2019.

Ann notes, "What I figured out how to do on my own is the essence of what a Stephen Minister does. I realize now, though, that I could have been much more effective if I had had the Stephen Minister

training. It would have taught me to be a better listener and would have helped me to handle various issues that arose."

She continues, "Many of us offer this kind of support to our friends and acquaintances in an informal way. That's great when it works out, but not everyone who really needs support ends up getting it. Through Stephen Ministry, I believe God has asked me to help bring this loving one-on-one care to more people in our parish who need it."

The deadline to apply to be trained as a Stephen Minister is August 20, 2019. Stephen Ministers make a two-year commitment to train and serve.

To learn more and to obtain an application for Stephen Minister training, call Ann (734-332-0988) or Brigid (734-474-3209) or email stephenministry@ctkcc.net. You can also learn more at our parish website. Go to ctkcc.net/StephenMinistry.

CTK Stephen Leader Julie Toshach says, "I want to be open to God calling me to serving the Church. With an empty nest now, I've kept an eye open for new direction. When Ann Fons started explaining Stephen Ministry to me, my first reaction was that this is a great thing. Stephen Ministry at CTK will make a place for me and others to actively care by learning to listen and actually walk alongside those in need. What a great way to serve!"

Another of CTK's Stephen Leaders, Dcn. John Ozog, says, "I am humbled and at the same time excited to be a part of this ministry. As Stephen Leaders, we don't claim to have the answers to all of life's challenges, but by the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our ministry team will help our brothers and sisters in Christ to find comfort and



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Hope Clinic: Serving “God’s beloved poor”

The vision of volunteer service is at the core of Hope

by Brian Nitkiewicz

Hope Clinic was founded in 1982 by doctors and medical professionals from Christ the King and other area churches who were members of the Word of God Community. Dr. Dan Heffernan and his wife Bev, founding members of the parish who both passed away in the past few years, felt a burden from the Lord to begin a corporal work of mercy to help those less fortunate. *[You can read more about their story in the Nov. 2018 issue of The Open Door.]*

Hope began as a free Saturday morning medical clinic at the old Huron Valley School with a small number of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and others working out of their cars. It has become a significant operation on the south side of Ypsilanti, with a satellite clinic in Westland and an international clinic in Central America. Hope serves over 10,000 people each year giving them free medical and dental care, food and basic needs, care and prayer. Above all else, though, it gives them an experience of the love of God and hope in Jesus Christ.

I first met Dr. Heffernan while a freshman at U of M in the mid-1970s when he had a practice on Washington Street with Dr. Ellen Gryniewicz, Dr. Winslow Fox, and Dr. David Thorrez. All were involved in the Word of God community and had personally experienced a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I also was a part of the Word of God and had encountered the Lord in a way beyond anything I had expected



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in this life. I remember wondering how a Christian and Charismatic medical practice would operate in the context of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in healings and other miracles.

I still can recall the first time I walked into their waiting room and saw a small framed poster which read, “We believe a person is physical, emotional, and spiritual. Here we treat all three.” I remember reading the poster and thinking, Yes, that is the kind of approach to medicine that brings the power of the Holy Spirit into the day-to-day life of the laity. It represented a way that the wonder-filled experience of the Holy Spirit connected

tangibly with the integrated needs of persons. In that medical practice Dr. Dan more than once prayed over me during an office call or encouraged me in my studies and spiritual walk. I marveled at how I, as a young man being trained for a career, was privileged to see the shared spiritual experience of the Holy Spirit making a difference in the practical daily life of society.

This notion of caring for the whole person contributed to the organic way that Hope grew over the years. For example, when Dr. Heffernan was able to rent a small set of offices for a medical clinic in Ypsilanti, the nurses and ladies helping out saw the great needs of the clients and began baking bread for them. Eventually, that led to a second location which became a food pantry.

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John McKeone



Brian Nitkiewicz is Director of Finance and Administrative Services at Hope Clinic. He and his wife Vicky are founding members of Christ the King and enjoy spending time with their nine children and ever-growing number of grandchildren.

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This work of mercy continued to attract folks from other churches and to expand its services. Hope Medical Clinic was officially incorporated in 1987. A dental clinic was later added and Hope Clinic International was separately incorporated in 1997.

A key element of Dr. Heffernan's vision for Hope was to provide a means for enabling individuals to give of themselves to care for others. He exemplified this personally and wanted others to be able to share in the joy of giving.

This vision of volunteer service is at the core of Hope. The local medical clinic has over 100 volunteers a month, both medical professionals and individuals providing clerical support. The food program also has over 100 volunteers. In terms of medical staff, the Ypsilanti medical clinic has only one part-time paid doctor functioning as the medical director and four part-time nurses. Hope Clinic International sends a team of folks down to Central America every year. Hope is a hub of volunteerism.

A significant number of Christ the King parishioners have faithfully served in many capacities at these ministries through the years. One of those is John McKeone, a long-time volun-



Hope Clinic International was founded by Dr. Heffernan in 1997. This outreach includes Tim's Clinic in Estelí, Nicaragua, named in honor of Dr. Roger and Lorrie Anderberg's late son Tim.

teer at Hope. He currently is the part-time volunteer Property and Buildings Manager at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. John is a retired nuclear engineer; his entire staff is composed of part-time volunteers.

When asked why he volunteers at Hope, John said, "Jesus is a friend of 'God's holy poor,' as Dr. Dan described them. Since my retirement in 2008, it has been my privilege and blessing to spend a few hours a week on Harriet Street helping Hope any way that I can. Hope is the only place I am able to experience and participate directly in Jesus' love for His holy poor. It's a wonderful place—a haven of hope and healing. Smiles and good cheer abound in the true Joy of the Lord."

For parishioner Anne Marie Gill, Hope's Director of Operations and Human Resources, the reason for her involvement is simple: "Hope loves Jesus; Jesus loves Hope!" She continues, "It is such a

privilege to work at Hope. Each day I encounter Jesus in both the staff and clients. I witness miracles of lives being changed and filled with hope. God's love is made real in the tangible care that we provide."

The story of Hope's ministry isn't complete without understanding the priority on human dignity that Pope St. John Paul II wrote about so eloquently during the early years of Hope. Dr. Dan clearly imparted his desire to give people this sense of dignity as they were being served. For example, he brought in washing machines to provide a chance for people to have clean clothes without sacrificing other basic needs. Seeing the dignity of the individual as paramount was a way for folks to experience the tangible love of God.

The corporal works of mercy and ministry have become more integrated into the life of our parish through the faithful service and vision of Dr. Dan and Bev Heffernan. But even more, Hope has brought together many churches, organizations, and individuals to care for God's beloved poor. For me personally, it has been a privilege to be asked to serve.

You can learn more about Hope Clinic at their website, www.thehopeclinic.org.

Vocation Story

Dcn. Pete Hansen**When did you first start sensing that you might be called to the Permanent Diaconate?**

For years I considered it. However, it wasn't until New Year's Day in 2014 that I felt the Lord invite me to this. It was an invitation—I didn't *have* to do it—but when the Lord invites you to do something, I have found it's what's best for you!

How did you start the process of discerning the call?

First, I talked to my wife, Connie, my men's group, and my family. Then Connie and I made an appointment to talk with Dcn. Dan and his wife Dolly. Dcn. Dan pointed me to Dcn. Jerry Brennan, who at the time was in charge of the Diaconal Training program. I met with Dcn. Jerry in April 2014; he said that I could start classes in May. When I learned that permanent deacons are ordained in our diocese only every two years, I decided that I needed to get started.

What was Connie's reaction to this call on your life—and hers?

Connie's vocation is clearly being "Grandma" to our nine grandchildren and supporting aging parents. She's supportive of my call to the diaconate and realizes that we will be "doing" different things as we each follow the Lord's calling.

During formation we have been growing in our ability to communicate about priorities, and we're committed to helping each other follow where the Lord leads. Connie says, "God has been using this for my spiritual growth also."

At Christ the King, we pray for a generous response to the call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. I feel like I know the meaning of that in a way I didn't before. I really honor the deacons' wives for their generosity in responding to the call.

What did preparing for ordination as a Permanent Deacon involve?

We need to take 12 theology classes. Dcn. Wayne told me at the beginning that even if I didn't get ordained, I wouldn't regret taking the classes, and I didn't. They were great!

Following Inquiry, you spend one year as an aspirant and then, if accepted, three years as a candidate. During each year of candidacy, you choose a practicum. I spent a year bringing Communion to the sick in a hospital, a year working in adult education on the Alpha team, and a year serving at a food pantry.

In addition, you attend monthly formation meetings, meet with a spiritual director, take a yearly retreat, pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer daily from the Liturgy of the Hours, and practice giving homilies.

What was your favorite part of the preparation?

We have a tight formation group, and the fellowship and friendship among us have been amazing. I really enjoyed the theology classes at Siena Heights and taking Communion to the sick.

**Was there anything that surprised you?**

How much formation I'm getting. I've been a disciple for over 40 years, but I really felt that the Lord began using ordinary life events to form me.

What are you most looking forward to as a deacon?

Getting to know and serve the people at Christ the King and others in the community.

Any advice for those who might be considering a vocation to the diaconate?

Don't feel like you have to have everything all figured out before moving forward. You can use the process to help you discern.

The support of a men's group has been important! You need people you can trust, who you can lean on, and with whom you can talk about things.

Trust God, lean on Him. I know I need the Lord to do this. When I think I know what I'm doing, I push Him aside—the wrong thing! So take your desires and fears to God and trust Him to guide you as you answer His call.

Dcn. Pete Hansen was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Lansing on May 18 and assigned to serve at Christ the King. He and his wife Connie have three adult children and nine grandchildren.

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Discipleship Groups: Aid to growing in holiness

by Aimée Godfrey

“Courageously follow the path of personal holiness and diligently nourish yourselves with the word of God and the Eucharist. The holier you are, the more you can contribute to building up the Church and society.”

—Pope St. John Paul II

When you read that quote are you both inspired and completely overwhelmed? If you're like me, you are! While I find that quote to give an amazing vision of who I should be as a disciple, it also leaves me asking many questions that begin with “how”:

How do I courageously follow the path of personal holiness?

How do I find the time to diligently nourish myself with the word of God?

How do I contribute to building up the Church?

Although we might desperately want to grow in holiness and in our walk as disciples, it might not be clear to us exactly how to do that, especially given the busyness of our lives.

One way in which we're trying to make it a bit easier to follow the path of personal holiness is by providing Discipleship Groups at Christ the King. Discipleship Groups are groups that focus on helping parishioners to grow in holiness. They can be on a wide variety

of topics and can include teaching, catechesis, Bible study, and fellowship.

In the past year, we have had Discipleship Groups that focused on helping participants to grow in their prayer lives through the *Oremus* program. To help parishioners grow in their understanding of the Bible, we had a Discipleship Group that went through Jeff Cavin's program *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. We also had a *Walking With Purpose* women's Bible study that met during Lent and was a wonderful way to grow in a deeper understanding of how Scripture applies to our lives.

In the next year, we hope to expand the range of Discipleship Groups that are offered. In order to help provide ways to “diligently nourish [ourselves with the Word of God,]” we are going to continue to offer the *Walking with Purpose* Bible study for women. (See Angie Hutton's testimony on page 9 for her experience with this wonderful pro-

gram.) In addition, we're going to provide a special program through the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan that will allow parishioners to delve deeper into the Bible with Adjunct Professors from Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

We want to provide even more Discipleship Groups, and to do that, we need your help!

Is there a topic that you've always wanted to know more about?

Is there a religious book that you've wanted to read and discuss with other Catholics?

Are you interested in delving into some of the materials on the Formed website, like Symbolon or Presence?

If so, then I'd love to hear from you and help you get a Discipleship Group started. I can help support you in leading the group yourself or help find someone to lead the group for you. I can be reached at 734-929-0983 or agodfrey@ctkcc.net.

Please pray for us as we grow the Discipleship Groups. Please also prayerfully consider joining or, perhaps, leading one. It is my honor walk with you as we all “courageously follow the path of personal holiness.”



Aimée Godfrey is Director of Adult Discipleship at Christ the King.

Discipleship Group testimony

Angie Hutton

Why did you first get involved in a discipleship group?

For fellowship. I went through Alpha and was very excited to continue the fellowship experience that I had there.

How did you get involved?

I helped to bring the “Walking with Purpose” Women’s Bible Study to Christ the King. I went to an outreach session at Our Lady of Good Counsel that was designed to introduce people to the Bible Study so that they could bring it back to their own parishes.

I shared with Aimée [Godfrey] that this really seemed like a program that would be good at Christ the King. She looked into it and agreed that, yes, it fit what they were looking for. She and I then went together to another outreach session at St. Andrew’s in Saline.

Which groups have you been involved in?

I helped lead one of the Walking with Purpose sessions that we held during Lent, and I am involved with the one that is currently running. “Walking with Purpose” has 22-week studies and six-week studies. So far we’ve run the six-week studies.

What’s the difference between Walking with Purpose and the Catholic Women’s Bible Study that meets on Wednesday mornings during the school year?

They’re both good, but the Wednesday morning one is more academic. Walking with Purpose is more about building relationships. It doesn’t have a lot of “homework,” but it has a lot of “heartwork.”

How is the Walking with Purpose Bible Study structured?

The emphasis is on hospitality: it’s always open, always welcoming to anyone. As part of that, even though the individual sessions build on one another, they’re also independent, so women can join at any time.

The six-week study begins and ends with a “Connect Coffee” that’s more social. The first coffee has a video that launches the series; the last one serves as a wrap-up.

During the weeks between the sessions, there are Scriptures to read and some questions to answer. The material also ties in the *Catechism* and stories about the saints.

At the four weekly sessions in the middle there isn’t a video, but a discussion based on the material that you covered during the week. But if you don’t have time to do the material, it’s not a problem. Just come anyway; I’m sure that you’ll have something to share.

The 22-week study is similar: always open, women can al-



Angie Hutton, her husband Jeff, and their family entered the Catholic Church at Christ the King in 2001. They have six children and two granddaughters.

ways join. We begin each month with a Connect Coffee that launches that month’s lesson.

What has been your favorite part about the discipleship group?

Definitely the relationships. I connected with women I’d only seen across the Church. Now we know each other’s stories and we’ve impacted each other’s lives. It’s awesome. We know now that we’re not alone. Together we hold each other up.

What would you say to someone who is considering getting involved in a discipleship group?

I would encourage them greatly to give it a try. We’ve heard tons of positive feedback. You’ll get a chance to build relationships with other women in the Church and with our Lord.

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Dorothy Babcock retiring June 30

I will miss everyone as this has been my second home over the past sixteen and a half years. Please pray for Larry and me as we start this new phase in our lives.

Facilities Manager Dorothy Babcock is retiring June 30 after almost 17 years on staff at Christ the King. We took a few minutes recently to ask her about her time on staff and her plans for the future.

What were you doing before joining the staff here?

I was the school secretary at the original Spiritus Sanctus Academy school. [The original school met in our current Parish Center building.]

What are some of the things that you have done over the years in your job?

As Facilities Manager, I assess facilities issues and handle bidding, contracts, insurance issues, etc. A lot of it is research as I try to figure out the best way to do things and keep the costs down.

Which project gave you the most satisfaction?

Replacing the windows in the statue niches in the Church. They took so much time and research! I worked on that project for five years. I must have talked to 10-12 different companies, but none of them would do the round window near the top of each section. But each time I talked to a company, I'd ask questions and learn a little more.

Finally, I heard about this stained glass company in Ohio that ended up doing the job. It took a lot of time, but it was worth it.

What has been the favorite part of your job?

I love talking to people and learning.

How did you get so good at what you do?

[She laughs.] Well, when we built our house in 1998, we were the general contractor. I did a lot of research. I learned to look at the prints, etc. I would see things on other houses that I liked, like the brickwork, and I would go up, knock on the door, and ask them about it.

We built our house in six months. People said that we couldn't do it in six months, but we did!

Now that you're retiring, how do you plan to spend your time?

I'm still taking care of my mom, who turns 91 in July. I also plan to spend more time with my husband, Larry, and our grandkids, do some traveling, go to some Bible studies, join the senior center in Hamburg, do volunteer work, play golf... I'm not going to be bored!



Is there anything that you'd like to say to the folks at CTK as you retire?

It has been an honor and a pleasure working at Christ the King. As I was always looking for ways to improve the facilities, I've felt the Lord's hand in many of my projects, which was such a blessing.

I will miss everyone as this has been my second home over the past sixteen and a half years. Please pray for Larry and me as we start this new phase in our lives.

God bless all our families.

When this issue of The Open Door went to press, plans were still being made for celebrating Dorothy's retirement. Please check the weekly bulletin for more information.

Schedule of Major Events

- 6/1, 7/6: First Saturday Holy Hour
 - 6/2: Ascension of the Lord
 - 6/7: Pentecost Weekend Prayer Meeting
 - 6/8: Pentecost Vigil Mass
 - 6/9: Pentecost Sunday
 - 6/9-15: Pine Hills Boys Camp
 - 6/14, 28: Upper Room
 - 6/16: Trinity Sunday
 - 6/23: Corpus Christi
 - 6/24-28: Vacation Bible School
 - 6/30: Celebration of the Dedication Anniversary of the Church
 - 7/4: Independence Day
Parish Offices closed
- For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to www.ctkcc.net.

MAJOR EVENTS—JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	July 1	2	3	4	5	6

Save the Dates!

God's Plan for Growing Up:
Mother-Daughter Tea,
 Saturday afternoon, July 13
Father-Son Event,
 Sunday afternoon, July 14
 These popular events return for parents and their children on the threshold of adulthood. Contact John and Julia Hoving for details.



Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Profession Masses
Final Profession of Vows
 Wednesday, July 24, 10am
First Profession of Vows
 Friday, July 26, 10am
 Join the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist as they celebrate the profession of vows of members of their community.
www.sistersofmary.org.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Thursday, August 15
 Masses at 6:45am, 10am, 12 noon, 7:30pm



Check future bulletins for more details about these and other great events!



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(from the Latin *ministrare*,
to serve, attend, wait upon)

- (Oxford) to attend to the needs of someone
- (Merriam Webster) to give aid or service