



# The Open Door

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“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



## Age-old goal, brand-new means

*In all we do, we're about bringing people closer to Christ*

by Theresa Hofer

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)

The command that Jesus gave to the eleven disciples after His Resurrection He continues to give to His followers today. But while the early disciples needed to travel in-person to share the Gospel, modern technology provides new ways to reach people around the world with the Good News.

Christ the King's new Director of Communications and Technology, Doug Helderop, oversees audio/visual

technology, information technology, and communications. “If it goes over a wire,” he says, “we’re handling it.” But he’s very clear that the technology is a means, not an end.

*In all we're doing, we want to help people know about Christ and deepen their relationship with Christ so we can then evangelize others and bring them to Heaven. This is about evangelization and discipleship. We want the technology to be in the background.*

**Doug's own background** uniquely qualifies him for his new position. He graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1990 with a BS in Communications with an emphasis on film, video, and audio production. He spent 24 years in TV production, working for TV stations, large universities, and corporations. He then spent six years in technology sales. That experience gave him a better understanding of customer-vendor relationships.

A long-time volunteer in our music ministry, Doug was

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## “Complete my joy...”

### Unity and humility in the Body of Christ

by St. Thomas Aquinas

*[It's as if Paul says,] I always rejoice in you on account of the good things I have seen and heard of you; but when these multiply, my joy will grow and finally become perfect. Therefore, complete it by making progress in good.*



**So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.** (Phil. 2:1-4)

**He [St. Paul] says:** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy. These four means which were mentioned all refer to his request: *complete my joy*. The meaning is as though he were saying: I want to be consoled in you.

*If there is any encouragement in Christ, i.e., if you wish to afford me consolation in Christ, complete my joy:* “To grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give to them a garland

instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning” (Is. 61:3); “Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:4).

As for fraternal charity he says, if *any incentive of love... complete my joy:* “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace” (Gal. 5:22); “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (Ps. 133:1).

As for that special fellowship which prevails among men who share various things, as soldiers share the arms of warfare, he says, if *any participation in the Spirit* between me and you, *complete my joy*. As if to say: I have afforded you much consolation; therefore, if you are my companions, afford the same to me: “Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. (Eph. 4:3); “There is a friend

who sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24).

As to their mercy he says, if *any affection and sympathy:* “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness...” (Col. 3:12).

**Then he indicates** what he is urging them to do: first, in general, when he says, *complete my joy*. As if to say: I always rejoice in you on account of the good things I have seen and heard of you; but when these multiply, my joy will grow and finally become perfect. Therefore, complete it, by making progress in good.

Secondly, in particular, when he urges them to mutual love, whose unity consists in two things: first, in the affections: “Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth” (1 Jn. 3:18), bearing on the object of charity; hence he says, *being of the same mind*. For wisdom in the mind is knowledge of the loftiest causes, because it pertains to wisdom to judge, and no one can do this without knowing the highest cause. Consequently, wisdom is concerned with divine things.

Therefore, *being of the same mind*. As if to say: Have the same mind in regard to the things of faith: “May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such

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considering a career change when he was asked in Fall 2019 to serve as our Interim Director of Worship. It was while he was serving in that role that the coronavirus pandemic hit. As

public Masses were canceled and parishes were scrambling to broadcast their liturgies and other events online, Doug was perfectly positioned to help Christ the King move

rapidly into the digital age. By the time public Masses resumed in a limited way, it was clear that the need to broadcast online was here to stay. This led to the creation of his new role.

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## Ministry Profile

### Francisco & Dominic Abolio

#### How did you get involved with the Tech Team?

**Francisco:** When Masses were only available via livestream, the Guza family members were filling the roles for livestreaming Masses. When Masses became public again, my friend Matt Guza reached out to me, asking if I'd like to help. Doug then asked if I knew anyone who would be interested and I talked to my brother.

#### What roles have you been serving on the Tech Team?

**Francisco:** I've been helping with camera and video shots. Doug is just starting to teach me about being a director.

**Dominic:** I've been doing camera and director work on any kind of event (Sunday Masses, funerals, Upper Room, etc.).

#### Did you have any prior experience?

**Francisco:** Minimal. I helped some friends with their school projects.

**Dominic:** I do a lot of photography work on my own. I've also done videography; I was part of a film crew for the "Detroit 48 Hours" film project.

#### How did you get trained?

**Francisco:** I got paired up with Matt Guza, who taught me.

**Dominic:** I kind of knew most of it; Doug gave me some ideas about specifics.

#### What do you enjoy most?

**Dominic:** I like working with cameras; I like technology; I like getting the aesthetics of getting a really good shot.

**Francisco:** I enjoy doing it because I like learning new things. I like helping, keeping the stream going. It's having a global impact. We can't have a livestream if we don't have camera people. We can't have a good livestream without a director. It's nice being able to give back to the church we grew up in.

#### What do you find challenging?

**Dominic & Francisco (simultaneously):** Technical difficulties.

**Francisco:** Sometimes things



Volunteering on the Tech Team gives brothers Francisco (left) and Dominic Abolio the opportunity to do something they enjoy while serving the parish and many people beyond the parish as well.

happen and you just don't know why.

**Dominic:** Like something has no reason to not turn on and it just won't turn on.

**Francisco:** It was a little nerve-racking at first, but now I'm comfortable.

#### What advice do you have for anyone who might be interested in the Tech Team?

**Dominic:** Do it!

**Francisco:** It's really not anything to be too intimidated about. There are already people there. Don't be scared. I didn't have any camera experience and now I'm really comfortable.

**Dominic:** Do it and have fun. And at the same time you're supporting the Church and a lot of people. Just jump in.

*We're ministering, not just to parishioners, but to people around the world. It's an opportunity to help us evangelize the Church and the world.*

Doug Helderop



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**When asked what** he does, Doug jokes, "What *don't* we do?" Each area under his purview has different needs.

Most of the Communications area (*The Open Door*, the *Mid-Week Notes*, the weekly bulletin, etc.) is handled by Communications Coordinator Theresa Hofer. In that area, Doug says, "We plan to work on developing a long-range communications plan."

In Information Technology (IT), Doug oversees the computer network. Last year, as a volunteer, he worked with a team to make a number of upgrades to our network. "Those upgrades have proven to be essential," he says, "for what we're doing now." Down the road, he anticipates us dealing with the IT needs for both in-person and virtual classes.

In Technology, Doug has been working on a number of projects to upgrade equipment, which will improve functionality while cutting costs. For example,

- Our lighting system has been wearing out for over four

years. Our new system, which we finished installing earlier this year, provides more flexibility while saving on electricity.

- We are in the process of switching to a new phone system, which will save money while improving phone communications.
- Much of the equipment that we are currently using to livestream events is rented or borrowed, so we need to invest in equipment to continue this important ministry.

For the audio/visual ministry, Doug is also busy building a team of volunteers. "The goal," he says, "is to have the whole team be able to work without me." Volunteer roles include

- Camera operators.
- Sound operators, both in-house and for the livestream.
- Lighting operators.
- Lyrics persons, who post the song lyrics, Scripture readings, and other written messages on the livestream.

- Graphic artists.
- On-air hosts.
- Digital ushers to monitor the comments on the YouTube Live Chat, answer questions, etc. Digital ushers can serve on-site, from home, or from anywhere with a computer and Internet connection.
- Directors, who are responsible for the overall look of the livestream, telling the camera operators what shots to take.

In addition to these roles, Doug plans to introduce in the future the role of the Producer to oversee the broadcast of the entire liturgy or other event.

There are a lot of pieces to juggle, and it would be easy to get mired in the day-to-day details of the job. But Doug keeps in mind that the technology is about something much bigger. He says,

*Christ the King is providing something unique: Masses that are faithfully Catholic, but with some dispensations for charismatic expression. We're ministering, not just to parishioners, but to people around the world. It's an opportunity to help us evangelize the Church and the world.*

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this ministry or volunteer, contact Doug at 734-929-0973 or [dhelderop@ctkcc.net](mailto:dhelderop@ctkcc.net).

# You are the light of the world

by Kelley Burns

**When I sat down** to write this article on Liturgical ministry, I wasn't sure where to begin. What theology was important to discuss in these few words? What Church document should I reference? I took a walk, said a prayer, and in a moment, I was reminded of a story.

A priest was celebrating All Saints Day with his Catholic grade school students. During the homily, he asked his students to explain what a saint is. One little boy raised his hand and responded, "Saints are the ones the light shines through!" He was, of



*"Saints are the ones the light shines through!"*

course, referring to the stained glass windows in the church, but what an apt description!

Ministry in the time of COVID is so strange. It can be frustrating,

discouraging, and downright sad sometimes. We aren't able to gather in the ways that we're used to. We aren't able to minister in the ways we want to. And yet, if there's light (and we know there is), it finds a way to break in. The resumption of public Masses, both in-person and livestreamed, is a light in the darkness! When you come to Christ the King to read, lead worship, distribute Holy Communion, run a camera, usher, serve as sacristan, welcome people on the livestream chat, or any other

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## Ministry Profile

### Mark Grieshaber

#### How long have you been serving as an usher at CTK?

I've been serving as an usher since I was a kid, from 13 to 16 years of age. Janet Holtz grabbed me at Mass one day and asked if I'd like to help out the Church. Joe LoBello grabbed me about 14 years ago and asked me to serve the Church in this way.

#### What does being an usher involve?

Being an usher is a great way to serve the parish. It involves arriving a bit early and making sure all our volunteer positions are filled. We facilitate the collection and Communion line. We are here to serve the parish, clergy, and parishioners in any way we're needed.

#### What training is involved?

Shadowing a current usher for a few weeks is all that is needed.

#### What do you enjoy most about being an usher?

I love the opportunity to serve the Church in this way. I like to help people whenever I can.

#### I'm told that you have been serving with your son Carter. What would you say to other parents who might be looking for a service that they could do with their children?

Ushering is a great way to serve the parish with your children. My son Carter continues to serve regularly. I've also had my son Desh and daughter Natalie help out as well. The kids really enjoy being an active participant in the service of the parish.



Growing up at Christ the King, Mark Grieshaber has been serving as an usher since he was a teen. Now some of his own children serve with him.

They like helping others and it gives them an opportunity to care for the Body of Christ.

I love coming alongside them and doing this together.

#### What would you say to someone who is considering volunteering as an usher?

If you're interested in ushering, reach out to any current usher to express your interest. We'll get you plugged in and shadowing someone. It is a great opportunity to serve the Church. Whether it's just for a short season or you do it for the next 20 years, any amount of service is helpful and welcomed!

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Kelley Burns is Director of Worship at Christ the King. She first learned about the parish when she met CTK parishioners at a conference and started following the parish online. She and her family moved to the area from Missouri in May.

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ministry, you are the ones the light shines through!

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.*

*Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*

**Christ the King** is a city on a hill! I am living proof that the ministry that happens here and the true faith that is borne out of this community has a much wider reach than we could imagine. And while serving in ministries at Mass may not always feel like a glamorous job or an important part of proclaiming the Gospel, it is a light in the darkness.

We need you! We need your smiling faces, your beautiful voices, your kind words, your skill, your passion, your willing heart, and most of all, your love of Jesus! Thank you for your witness each week. Thank you for unlocking doors, cleaning pews, setting the table, practicing, preparing, and preaching by your lives that this Gospel we proclaim is true and real and life-giving. Thank you for being the ones the light shines through!

### Ministry Profile Mary Keeley

Mary Keeley has been serving as a sacristan at Christ the King for 18 years and has served more than 2,000 Masses.



#### How long have you been serving as a sacristan?

I have been serving as a sacristan for at least 18 years. It started when the woman who was serving for all three 6:45am Masses asked for help and trained me.

#### For which Masses have you served as sacristan?

I mainly serve for daily Masses. I love getting to Church early in the morning when it is just Jesus and me in the Church. I have served for Sunday Masses as well when needed.

It has been a joy to serve for special Masses. It is a joy to have a small part in weddings, Confirmations, and First Communions, and helping a family mourn at a funeral.

#### Any guesstimates as to how many Masses you've served?

WOW, it has to be over 100 a year. It must be more than 2,000 Masses.

#### What does being a sacristan involve?

A sacristan prepares for Mass. We get the precious vessels, the Altar, and the bread and wine ready. We find the pages in the books for the day. Then after Mass we put things away.

#### What kind of training is involved?

Most of the time a person

will work with and shadow a sacristan until he or she feels comfortable. There is an instructional sheet in the sacristy to remind you of the steps and check over.

#### What do you enjoy most about being a sacristan?

There are many things I like about being a sacristan. It is an honor to serve for a Mass and to work with the sacred vessels. It brings me a great connection with the Church. I get to serve with wonderful people. I have met visiting priests and deacons.

#### What would you say to someone who is considering volunteering as a sacristan?

I would encourage someone to serve. The time commitment is not burdensome. I feel close to the Lord as I serve in His house.

## Ministry Profile

# Jenny Rykowski

### *Retirement leads to new service as a Stephen Minister*

#### What is Stephen Ministry?

It's walking beside someone when they're going through a difficult time. It's not passive. You're listening, praying for them, speaking the truth to them, but not in a directive way.

#### What first attracted you to Stephen Ministry?

Last year, I retired from my position as the referral nurse at Hope Clinic, and I was praying about what's next. I wanted to do something meaningful. When I saw the announcement about Stephen Ministry, I thought, "That sounds like me." Not that I do it perfectly. You have a lot of training.

#### What did the application process involve?

I filled out the application and then was interviewed by [Stephen Leaders] Ann Fons and Dcn. John Ozog.

#### What was your experience of the training?

I hadn't taken a class for years. My flesh did not want to drive to 2 ½-hour meetings on Monday nights! Also, I'm an introvert. You're in groups; you do a lot of role playing. You *had* to participate.

Despite my concerns, it was so much better than I thought it would be. This program is very well done, very detailed.

In the beginning, it was all about prayer. This is Christian caregiving—you need to have a life with the Lord. You have a prayer partner that you're committed to for two years.

#### Without violating confidentiality, what has it been like now that you've started? Have there been any surprises?

It's been going very well, but it's a lot harder than I thought. You meet very privately with the care receiver in whatever way works best for them. You're not looking to "fix" the person. You're there to listen, to walk beside them, to pray.

You don't give pat answers. You don't talk about yourself. You're not a friend; by that I mean, it's not about mutual support. For an hour a week, you're there only for them. The commitment is for up to a year, but there's no time limit. It might be shorter or longer.

Everything is *strictly* confidential. We meet with a supervisory group for 1 ½ hours every other week and even in that group, you keep strict confidentiality.

#### What is the supervisory group?

Ann divided us into groups of five or six. One of the Stephen Leaders leads the group. We meet on Zoom. The group supports us. It's *very* confidential. None of them knows who each others' care receivers are. This kind of service, it would be easy to get burned out if it was all on you. You need support.



Jenny Rykowski, pictured here with her husband Rick, wanted to do something meaningful with her time after she retired. When she saw the announcement last year about Stephen Ministry, she thought, "That sounds like me."

#### How has it impacted you?

It's really called me to more and better prayer. That's a big part of Stephen Ministry. It's also called me to step outside myself in ways that I wouldn't normally do.

#### What would you say to someone who is considering applying to be a Stephen Minister?

Ask God if this is for you, if this is a way that He wants you to serve His people. We're servants of God, and loving and serving our brothers and sisters is part of that.

Something they say in training that I like a lot is, We are the *caregiver*. God is the *curegiver*. We're not there to solve their problems. We leave the results to God.

**The next Stephen Ministry Training class begins Monday, Oct. 12, and continues every Monday until March (except for holidays, snow days, or pandemics). Instruction will be provided through Zoom, if necessary, until in-person meetings are possible. Application deadline is Oct. 1.**

To learn more, contact Ann Fons at 734-224-8505 or go to [www.ctkcc.net/stephenministry](http://www.ctkcc.net/stephenministry).

## Offering parishioners a helping hand

*New “small service” ministry connects volunteers with practical needs*

by Theresa Hofer



*People are glad to finally find a ministry that fits into their busy and variable lives. It allows them to volunteer when the needs fit into their schedules.*

Parish Nurse  
Betty Diefenbach

**Everyone needs** occasional help with practical tasks that are more than they can handle alone. It may be a ride to a doctor’s appointment, a meal after surgery, or a simple home repair. Often these needs can be met by family and friends, but sometimes it is necessary to find others who can help.

At the same time, there are many people who are willing to help someone, but who cannot commit to volunteering on a regular basis.

Parish Nurse Betty Diefenbach created Helping Hands ministry to bring these two groups of people together.

“As I visited people as Parish Nurse,” she says, “I started seeing parishioners’ needs that weren’t being met in other ways. Things like light housework, simple home repairs, errands and shopping, transportation, and respite care.”

Many of the needs that Betty saw didn’t require a major time commitment or ongoing assistance, just a little help to get someone over the hump. That makes Helping Hands ministry perfect for the volunteer who is able to commit only small amounts of time, such as an hour every other week, or whose irregular schedule makes consistent service a challenge.

**The ministry faced** its own challenge just as it was beginning. Betty planned a big push to sign up volunteers after Masses the weekend of March 21-22. Unfortunately, that turned out to be the first weekend that public Masses were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Nonetheless, 40 people have signed up so far to be notified about needs as they come up.

Some of the needs that Helping Hands volunteers have met thus far include:

- Yard work for three different households of seniors.
- Helping someone with an inside project.
- Meals for someone in a one-week crisis.
- Grocery shopping, especially when the pandemic first hit.

Some of these projects have been done with the help of the Knights of Columbus.

Betty says, “I’ve been very pleased with how things have been going so far, but I can really use more volunteers.”

**Any parishioner age 16** or older is welcome to volunteer with Helping Hands. To learn more or sign up, go to [ctkcc.net/ministries/helping-hands-ministry](http://ctkcc.net/ministries/helping-hands-ministry), or contact Betty at 734-272-6918 or [popcornbetty2@gmail.com](mailto:popcornbetty2@gmail.com).



# The Rosary: Help from our Mother

*How naturally the Catholic world turns to Our Blessed Mother when we are in need*

by Lucy Scholand

**Over the past few months,** many Rosary novenas have hit my inbox. Some 40,000 people worldwide are now participating in a Rosary pilgrimage sponsored by Parousia Media. Thousands more are participating in a 54-day Rosary novena for the nation.

How naturally the Catholic world turns to Our Blessed Mother when we are in need. "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times," Pope Leo XIII wrote, "to fly for refuge to Mary."

One of the most notable of these times was in 1571, when Turks were poised to invade Europe. Pope St. Pius V urged the Christians of Rome, as well as the crew of the fleet confronting the Turks, to pray the Rosary prior to battle. The Christian forces triumphed, leading the pope to institute that day, Oct. 7, as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. His successor, Pope Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

**Many saints have testified** to the power of Mary's intercession obtained through the Rosary. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Mary means 'Star of the Sea,' for as sailors are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession." St. Bernard said, "When the winds of temptation or the rocks of tribulation threaten, look up to the Star, call upon Mary!" Our Lady told St. Berna-



dette at Lourdes and the children at Fatima to say the Rosary for our world. St. Maximilian Kolbe called the Rosary a "spiritual sword" in the work of converting sinners.

Mary crushes the head of Satan. Thus many people find the Rosary an apt prayer to pray in front of Planned Parenthood. Recently, I observed there a sign warning, "Do Not Stop for Protesters." *Wow, I thought, I'm a protester? That sounds dangerous.* Yes, with my beads in one hand and pocket New Testament in the other, I am a threat to all evil.

**Our parish Rosary** is much smaller than the worldwide efforts posted on the Internet—sometimes four people, sometimes twelve. We began praying after the Saturday morning Mass in response to a preacher's observation of Our Lady's link to the Holy Spirit. She displays the ultimate open-

ness to Him. As a charismatic parish, we eagerly desire the Spirit's gifts and graces, more of His love and wisdom. And so, following the Fatima Prayer at the end of each decade, we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved Spouse."

Christ entrusted us to His mother from the cross: "Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26). Mary truly longs for us to come to her in all our needs. Ever docile to the Spirit, she embraces her role as Mother of the Church.

The Lord "has shown strength with His arm.... He has helped His servant ... in remembrance of His mercy." (Luke 1:51, 54)

*Our parish Rosary now meets via Zoom on Saturdays from 9 to 9:30am. To get the meeting link, contact Brigid Kowalczyk, bak.aa47@gmail.com.*

On Oct. 7, 1571, the Christian fleet faced a much larger Ottoman fleet in the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V urged the Christians of Rome, as well as the crew of the fleet, to pray the Rosary. Against all odds, the Christian forces triumphed. In thanksgiving, the pope declared Oct. 7 the Feast of Our Lady of Victory; today, it is called the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Lucy Scholand is a founding member of Christ the King. She and her husband, Paul, have served in RCIA, Alpha, and other ministries. They have four adult children and two grandchildren whom they love to talk about.

Artwork: *The Battle of Lepanto* by Paolo Veronese, (c1572) This work of art is in the public domain. From Wikiart, wikiart.org.

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*The things contrary to humility are those which spring from pride. One is outward contention, because the humble yield to one another*



harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:5).

But this depends on having the same charity; hence he says, *having the same love*: “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Col. 3:14). As for its effect, which consists in two persons consenting to the same thing, two things are required. As to the first he says, *being in full accord*, namely, in acting: [“God makes men of one way to dwell in one house” (Ps. 67:7)]; “That together you may with one voice glorify God” (Rom. 15:6). As to the second he says, *and of one mind*. This differs from the statement *being of the same mind*, as *being in full accord* differs from *having the same love*.

**Then he exhorts them** to humility: first, he excludes whatever is contrary to humility; secondly, he exhorts them to it.

The things contrary to humility are those which spring from pride. One is outward contention, because the humble yield to one another: “By insolence the heedless make strife” (Prov. 13:10); “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice” (Jas. 3:16). Therefore, he says, *do nothing from selfishness*.

The other is vainglory, for a proud person desires his own excellence, even in the opinion of others: “Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another” (Gal. 5:26); I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it and he will be the judge” (in. 8:50). Thus, he says here, *or conceit*.

**This is followed by** the admonition, *but in humility count others better than yourselves*. For just as it pertains to pride that a man extol himself above himself, so to humility that he restrain himself according to his limitations.

But how can a superior person do this? For he either does not

know that he is superior and virtuous, and then he is not virtuous, because he is not prudent; or he does know, and then he cannot consider some as superior to himself. I answer that no one is so good that there is no defect in him, or so evil that he has no good. Therefore, he should not prefer another to himself absolutely, but because he can say in his mind: “Perhaps there is some defect in me that is not in this other person.” Augustine shows this in the book *On Virginity*, when he recommends that a virgin prefer a married woman to herself on the ground that she may be more fervent.

But suppose that one person is good from every aspect, and another evil; nevertheless, you and he bear a double person, namely, yours and Christ’s. Therefore, if you cannot prefer him to yourself by reason of his person, you can do so by reason of the divine image: “Outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:10).

Thirdly, he urges them to mutual care, saying *let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others*: “That the members may have the same care for one another” (1 Cor. 12:25); “Love does not insist on its own way” (1 Cor. 13:5).

Taken from St. Thomas Aquinas’ Commentary on St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, available online through the *Aquinas Study Bible*, <https://sites.google.com/site/aquinasstudybible/home/philippians/st-thomas-aquinas-on-philippians>.



St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) was one of the most brilliant philosophers and theologians in the Church. Known as the “Angelic Doctor” of the Church, he is the patron of Catholic universities and colleges.

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**Please Note:**  
 Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this schedule is subject to change.  
 Please check our website, [ctkcc.net](http://ctkcc.net), for the latest information.

**Schedule of Major Events**

- 10/2: Outdoor Praise & Worship
- 10/8-10: Healing the Whole Person
- 10/13: Alpha Online begins
- 10/16, 23: Upper Room

For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to [www.ctkcc.net](http://www.ctkcc.net).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 27	28	29	30	Oct. 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	31



*The Son of Man came  
 not to be served  
 but to serve,  
 and to give His life  
 as a ransom for many.*

Matthew 20:28

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- New initiatives
- Parishioner profiles

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**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make straight your paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6