

Charitable Outreach

*Are You Keeping Your Light Under a
Basket?*



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Your parish has talents and gifts to share!

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Charitable outreach is NOT about
helping each other
but reaching
OUTSIDE
of the parish!



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What has prevented us from practicing charitable outreach?



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COMMITMENT TO CHARITABLE OUTREACH

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Share this commitment with your parish
even if you don't know what that outreach
is going to be!

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are too old for this!”*

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- Unique to the capabilities and mindset of your parish

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Charitable outreach needs to be unique
to your parish,
your unique parishioners and
your unique circumstances

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PLANNING FOR THE PLAN

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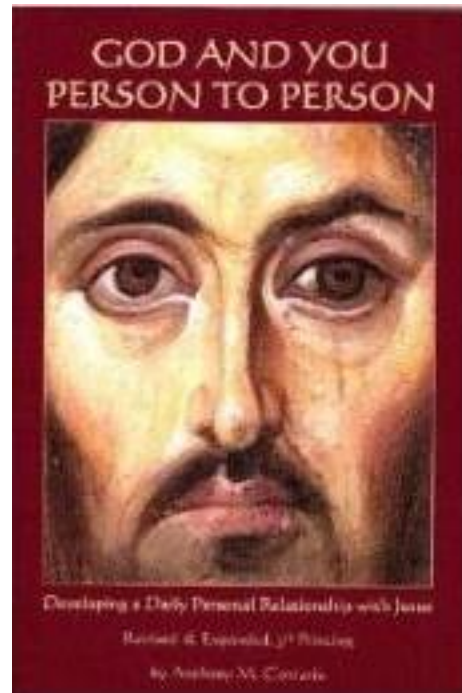
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- Don't be afraid to DELEGATE

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WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN WE PRACTICE
CHARITABLE OUTREACH?

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“When Jesus dwells in us, our personal relationship with Him incurs a personal relationship with everyone in His family, i.e., the Father, the Holy Spirit, the Theotokos, the saints, the sick, the poor, the suffering, the lonely etc.”

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“In the end, it is the reality of personal relationships that saves everything”

Thomas Merton

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“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Hebrews 13:2

“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.”

Matthew 25:40

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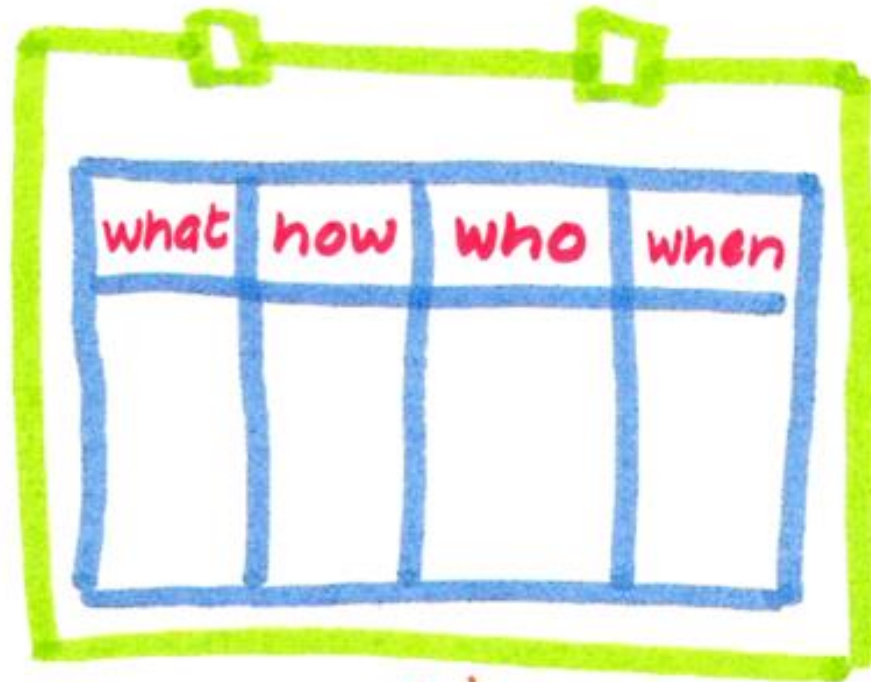
PUTTING YOUR PLAN INTO ACTION

1. Leadership
2. Focus
3. Energy

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1. Plant the seeds
2. Be realistic
3. Be patient
4. Don't forget the unique situation of your parish
5. Pray as a parish

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action
plan

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Keep your eyes on the
JOY
of charitable outreach

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