

## How Can You Use the Many Gifts You Have?

*Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministry; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Romans 12: 6-8  
(New American Bible)

We have heard this passage many times. As Lent approaches we should look at it again. Paul was advising us not to use our gifts as an index of the quality of our faith. He, instead, challenges us to put them to use, faithfully.

In the following weeks, the Peace and Social Justice Committee will be sharing with you opportunities to put your faith to work. By opening your heart as you hear about opportunities to share your gifts, you might be moved to help others in our community.

A good start might be taking a bag today from a volunteer from St. Vincent DePaul outside of church or chapel and returning it next week with items to share with those in need. Perhaps you might be moved to help further, either by donating your time or money. Strike up a conversation with a volunteer and see what you could do.

Paul's words, written close to 2000 years ago, should still resonate in our hearts, guiding us to do good works as part of our faith. Use your gifts with an open heart as we prepare for Easter during Lent.