

## Reflection for Called to Serve Family Sunday 2021

We all face times that are difficult—individually, within our family, as a community, and as a global society. With the help of our Faith, we get through these times and become stronger. We experience that we are given what we need to get through our difficulties, even when things don't turn out exactly as we would like them to. We learn that we can persevere through all things because our Faith gives us hope. We understand that God is with us and within us.

In Romans 5 we hear that, *“the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”*. God wants us to know that we are loved, we will never be abandoned, we should always keep our faith, and never lose hope. God also wants us to pour love out to those around us. To show kindness, concern, and care to others.

This is what Called to Serve Sunday is about. This is what the Catholic tradition of the Works of Mercy is about. This is what our life as disciples is about—Living the Love of God!

How will you pour love into the hearts of those around you? Through your thoughts? Through your words? Through your deeds? It is not through one of these, but through ALL of these that we truly share the love of God through the Holy Spirit within us.

Take time to think about this and then talk to your circle of family and friends about how you experience God's love in the world and how you can share God's love with the world. Make a commitment to consciously share God's love through your thoughts, words, and deeds-everyday, all the time!

Start today, explore the workshop ideas listed on our Called to Serve Family Sunday website. Be mindful and take action. We look forward to hearing more about your experiences with God's love at our upcoming 2022 event. Keep an eye out in your bulletins for additional information.

Thank you for joining us today. May God's blessings be upon you!

Yours in Christ,

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