



## Session 3: Characteristics of a Christian Steward

### OPENNESS AND GENEROSITY

- What implication do **OPENNESS & GENEROSITY** have for me as an individual?
  - Being **TOLERANT** and **OPEN-MINDED**
  - Making the effort and being approachable
  - Overcoming my natural caution/shyness and
  - Being a good listener
  - Finding ways to reach out to others, as Christians, in our everyday lives and circumstances
  - Being a good Samaritan
  
- What implication do **OPENNESS & GENEROSITY** have for our Parish?
  - Getting people to talk to each other
  - Talking to other parishes
  - Getting involved outside the Parish:
    - With other Catholic churches
    - With other organisations
    - With other denominations
  - Welcoming newcomers/making shy people comfortable
  - Seeing needs
  - Recognising limitations posed by family and other obligations, we still have a **DUTY** to help where we can
  
- What implication do **OPENNESS & GENEROSITY** have for our world?
  - Giving to strangers
  - Trusting each other – being brave enough not to look for ‘the catch’
  - Deciding where to draw the line/wisdom of knowing how much to give
  - Showing the way or taking the lead
  - Making ourselves aware of problems in the wider world
  - Encourage our children and grandchildren to look outwards
  - Living more simply
  
- What is challenging for me about the characteristic of **OPENNESS AND GENEROSITY**?
  - We are naturally selfish and self-centred; we must exercise our will to choose to reach out
  
- What **SUPPORT** do we as **INDIVIDUALS** and as a **PARISH** need to live out our Openness & Generosity – locally and in the World?
  - Support from each other – coming together to share experiences
  - Hearing the stories of others/showing or being an example
  - Displaying tolerance/understanding that not everyone is at the same point
  - **Hope and Faith**
  - Encouragement from others