Finding Salt and Light for the World: An Inventory of Discipleship Gifts and Skills

Below you will find a list of gifts and skills related to being a disciple of Christ and a list of different Christian ministries. Determine the gifts and skills that you think are necessary to be *salt for the earth and light for the world* for each ministry. You will use this handout for another learning experience, so put it somewhere safe when you are finished.

Gifts and Skills

- 1. loving/charitable
- 2. joyful
- 3. kind
- 4. generous
- 5. loyal
- 6. hopeful
- 7. detail-oriented
- 8. organizes others
- 9. helps others to work together
- 10. works behind the scenes
- 11. good with finances
- 12. likes to work with hands
- 13. leads/handles responsibilities
- 14. good listener
- 15. sensitive to unspoken needs of others
- 16. handles conflict well
- 17. comforts sick people compassionately
- 18. seeker of justice for the weak
- 19. seeks truth despite resistance
- 20. merciful
- 21. prays for others persistently

- 22. encourages others, lifts spirits
- 23. good sense of humor
- 24. dedicated and determined to work
- 25. healer (spiritually, emotionally, or physically)
- 26. hospitable to strangers
- 27. curious about new people and cultures
- 28. musician
- 29. writer
- 30. public relations and public speaking
- 31. possesses humility
- 32. teacher
- 33. courageous
- 34. reverent toward God's people and nature
- 35. insightful about people's behavior
- 36. grateful
- 37. passionate
- 38. compassionate
- 39. has self-control and integrity
- 40. serves others freely
- 41. resilient personality
- 42. possesses language skills

Ministries

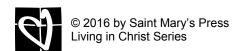
Catholic Relief Services: "Our mission is to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person."

L'Arche: "L'Arche communities, family-like homes where people with and without disabilities share their lives together, give witness to the reality that persons with disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship."

Houston Catholic Worker Casa Juan Diego: "Casa Juan Diego was founded in 1980, following the Catholic Worker model of Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, to serve immigrants and refugees and the poor. From one small house it has grown to ten houses. Casa Juan Diego publishes a newspaper, the *Houston Catholic Worker*, six times a year to share the values of the Catholic Worker movement and the stories of the immigrants and refugees uprooted by the realities of the global economy."

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith: "Today the General Fund of the Propagation of the Faith, which gathers gifts from Catholics all over the world, is the basic means of support for the Catholic Church's worldwide missions."

(The quotations in the "Ministries" section on this handout are taken from the websites of each organization.)



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