

Mystagogy Retreat

“Gifted and Called”

✦ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

LEADER: **Lord, you have created us in your own image. Male and female you created in your image and likeness. You have blessed us and commanded us to be fruitful, to multiply, to fill the earth, to be good stewards of all your creation, and to care for one another.**

ALL: **Lord, we praise you and thank you for all that you have given us, especially for the gift of love. Help us to put aside all that keeps us from being more like you, Lord. May we decrease so that your Spirit may increase in us.**

LEADER: *Read Matthew 25:31-40*

ALL: **Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison and we came to help you?**

VOICE 1: **When I was hungry, you gave me food.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

VOICE 2: **When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

VOICE 3: **When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

VOICE 4: **When I was naked, you clothed me.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

VOICE 5: **When I was sick, you visited me.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

VOICE 6: **When I was in prison, you came to see me.**

ALL: **Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done to me.**

LEADER: *Read Matthew 25:41-46*

ALL: **But Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison and did not come to you help you?**

LEADER: **In truth, I tell you, whenever you have not done this to one of the least of these, you have neglected to do it to me.**

ALL: **Lord, we have not always remembered that you have made each of us in your image and goodness. We have not always taken good care of all that you have given us. Open our eyes and our hearts, Lord, that we may more clearly see you in others. We pray for the wisdom, compassion, and courage to care and to love others as you have loved us.**

LEADER: **Come Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love.**

LEADER: **Send forth your Spirit and we shall be renewed.**

ALL: **And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

LEADER: **O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may know what is right and always rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord.**

ALL: **Send the fire of your Holy Spirit deep within us, Lord so that we can serve you with devotion and please you with our hearts, minds and actions. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Brief Reflection by a Team Member:
"Why I have enjoyed serving in RCIA."*

