




# Gifts and Talents

For God's Glory



# Opening Prayer



Dear Lord, we ask you to help us be truly alive, to live the Christian life that you will for us and call us. We thank you for the gifts that you have given us and we accept them with gratitude. We pray for your strength to live these gifts in our ministries and to use them to extend your kingdom here on earth such that everyone will come to know and love you because we have been your instruments. Amen.

A stained glass window depicting St. Irenaeus of Lyon. The saint is shown from the chest up, facing right. He has a long, white beard and is wearing a gold headband. He is holding a scroll in his left hand. The background of the window is filled with intricate floral and geometric patterns in shades of red, blue, and gold. A semi-circular halo surrounds the saint's head. The overall style is characteristic of Gothic or Romanesque stained glass art.

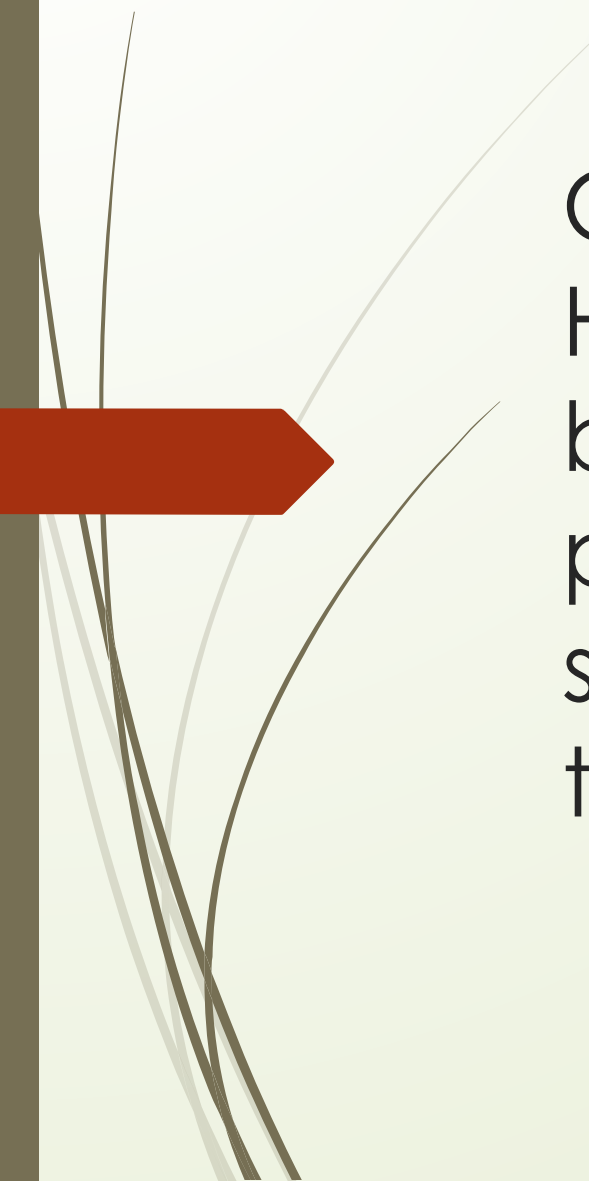
“The glory of God is man  
fully alive”.

St. Irenaeus of Lyon

# Parable of the Talents

- God has given us gifts and talents for mission
- “Weeping and gnashing of teeth”






Charisms are gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit that directly or indirectly benefit the Church, provided to help a person live out their Christian life or to serve the common good in building up the Church.



We are gifted and graced by God



Pope Francis shared that “alone, one cannot understand whether one has a charism and which one.”



# How to Discern Our Gifts and Talents

- Is it used for the growth of the Church?
- Is it used in conformity with the authentic promptings of the Holy Spirit so it does not disturb nor confuse the faithful?
- Does it work in tandem with other gifts and talents that the Holy Spirit has bestowed on others?
- Is it submitted to the Pastors of the Church?
- Does the use of the gift and talent bring you closer to God through peace and joy?






# Gifts and Talents for Consideration

- Romans 12:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28
- Ephesians 4
- Catherine of Siena Institute Called and Gifted
  - Pastoral Charisms of **Encouragement, Hospitality, Helps, Pastoring, and Mercy**
  - Communication Charisms of **Evangelism, Prophecy, and Teaching**
  - Organisational Charisms of **Giving, Leadership, Service, and Administration**
  - Charisms of Healing which are **Healing and Intercessory Prayer**
  - Charisms of Understanding which are **Knowledge, Wisdom, and Discernment of Spirits**
  - Lifestyle Charisms of **Faith, Missionary, Voluntary Poverty, and Celibacy**
  - Creative Charisms of **Craftsmanship, Music and Writing**



# Concluding Prayer



Dear Lord, help us to discern our charism. Let it be used for your glory. Let us not shy away from difficulties but to use our charisms boldly for your will. Help everyone come to know their charisms so that the Church maybe enriched by faithful Catholics who live their lives and that it becomes a beacon of your light and love. Amen.