

Prayer to be Faithful of Serving God

Father in Heaven, ever-living source of all that is good, keep me faithful in serving You. Help me to drink of Christ's Truth, and fill my heart with His Love so that I may serve You in faith and love and reach eternal life. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, You give me the joy of sharing Your Life. Keep me in Your presence. Let me never be separated from You and help me to do Your Will.

— *Catholic Online*

St. Teresa of Avila Prayer

Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which He looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

— *St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)*

Instructions

- The front page is to be signed and read during The JOURNEY Begins.
- Team Renewal Prayer will be prayed during The JOURNEY Begins and throughout JOURNEY with Christ.
- Statement of Personal Commitment to the Team is prepared at home and is read at the beginning of Sharing Our JOURNEY

The JOURNEY Begins Handout #1 – instructions for the use of this handout. (back)



Team Commitment

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

Philippians 2:13-16

My commitment to the next retreat weekend and the members of my team.

For the purpose of ministering the next JOURNEY weekend, I pledge:

- To continue sharing the gift of myself with my team
- To support the other members of my team in every way possible
- To participate in the team's ministry in whatever way the Lord directs
- To prayerfully prepare myself so that this team may grow into a faith community of love and service
- To give priority to all team JOURNEY with Christ meetings

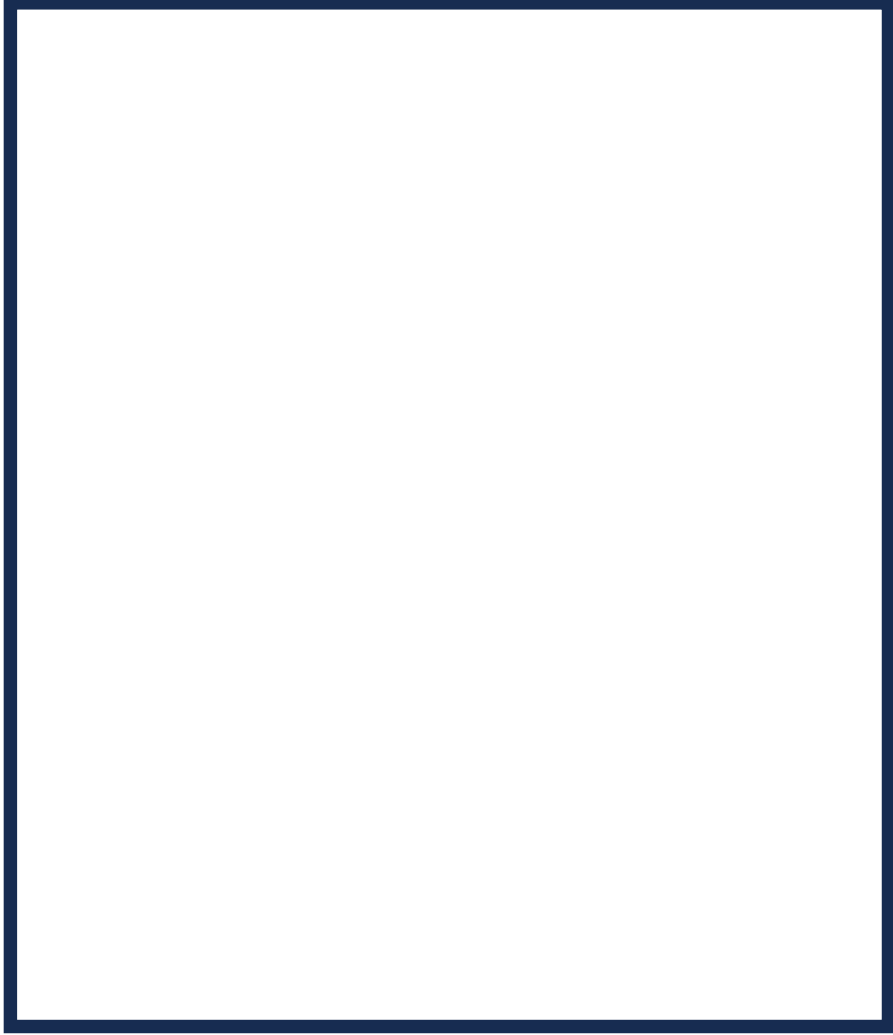
As a further sign of my commitment, I pledge myself to the continuation of my own spiritual growth. I also pledge myself to the continuation of the JOURNEY process by growing and participating in the ministry of my parish.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The JOURNEY Begins Handout #1 – to be signed during The JOURNEY Begins. (front)

Personal Statement of My Commitment
to the Next Parish Retreat Weekend
and to My Team Members



The JOURNEY Begins Handout #1- in your own words, express from your heart your personal commitment to the team. To be completed at home and shared during Sharing Our Journey. (inside)

Team Renewal Prayer

We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to you, O Lord, dedicated to Your service, to pleasing You.

Though we are many, we are one body in union with You; we are joined to each other as different parts of that one body. Help us to use our different gifts in accordance with Your grace.

If it is our call to LEAD, help us to lead with wisdom

If it is our call to SERVE, help us to serve with joy

If it is our call to TEACH, help us to teach Your truth

If it is our call to GIVE WITNESS, help us to speak Your message

according to the faith we have

If it is our call to LISTEN, help us to listen with sensitivity

If it is our call to ENCOURAGE OTHERS, help us to do so with

kindness and gentleness

Help us to share our gifts generously, to be sincere in our love, cheerful in our labor and patient in our troubles.

We thank You, Lord, for the opportunities You have given us to know

Your will, to know what pleases You, to know that through this

knowledge we may grow in love for each other and through that love

may grow in Your life of love.

May our lives be a prayer of praise – a song of hope, so joyful that it

leads others to be renewed in You.

The JOURNEY Begins Handout #1 – to be read as a group during The JOURNEY Begins. (inside)