



Happy Independence Day!



"Let us preserve freedom. Let us cherish freedom. Freedom of conscience, religious freedom, the freedom of each person, each family, each people, which is what gives rise to rights. May this country and each of you be renewed in gratitude for the many blessings and freedoms that you enjoy. And may you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself." -Pope Francis

Project Veterans' Independence



Long Island is home to one of the largest veteran populations in the country, nearly 140,000 . Unfortunately, some are homeless and suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), other mental illnesses or even physical disabilities. Catholic Charities Project Veterans' Independence provides these heroes with both a home and help. Case managers work hand-in-hand with veterans, providing them with permanent housing and access to support services, counseling, and employment assistance until they can get back on their feet.

In many cases they also qualify for many other Catholic Charities services. When veterans graduate from the program they're able to live independent and healthy lives... the lives they deserve.

**YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES APPEAL HAS HELPED TO MAKE
THIS POSSIBLE!**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Summer is here and we would like to share some ways you can build a strong foundation of stewardship during this special time of year.

Pillar of Hospitality: we can invite others to Mass with us on Sundays (or any day of the week!). Unfortunately, some families do not attend Mass in summer and will forget their obligation to do so. We build up this pillar in our lives when invite others to grow closer to Christ and keep their relationship with Him strong.

Pillar of Prayer: this summer when we remember to pray for certain intentions. Pray for families on Long Island that may be experiencing extra stress with putting food on the table. *Studies show that when school is out, children face hunger more than when they are in school as they lose access to school meals.* We can also pray for our country this summer as we prepare to celebrate Independence Day.

Pillar of Formation: Keep your family close to Christ and continue to go to Mass—perhaps even go to a weekday Mass as well! You can also add some Catholic apologetics to your reading list.

Pillar of Service: Remember to think about those in need and how you may help them. Do you have a neighbor who may need help around the house or garden? Do you have an elderly friend who needs help installing their window AC? This pillar is so important and will help us build a strong foundation of stewardship in our life.

May God bless you and your family this summer with joy and relaxation!

**DID YOU KNOW?
Planned Gifts of IRAs
are not the best assets
for family members to
inherit?**

WHY?
**Heirs will pay taxes on
these financial assets.**



On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org

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