

## **Bereavement Ministry**

November 3, 2009

The St. Louis Pastoral Council wishes to express its deepest thanks and gratitude for your faithful service and steadfast commitment to the church.

Being of comfort to those who mourn is a ministry of love. The assistance you offer to families in their time of need is a symbol of our church's commitment to God's community.

Relatives and friends of those who are buried from St. Louis and those who have accepted your offer of a reception after Mass will be forever grateful for your hospitality. The men and women who diligently cook, bake, serve, and clean up from these gracious gatherings often do not know the people they are honoring, but extend this hospitality with the same loving care as if they did. Your act of hospitality is selfless and seeks the good of others without an expectation of personal recognition. Jesus calls all of us to give of ourselves to others in our community.

St. Louis receives many compliments from families, parishioners, and visitors alike, who have never experienced such a wonderful reception elsewhere. The Ministry's dedication to provide such elaborate receptions through worker donations is a blessing.

On behalf of your fellow parishioners, we thank you for all you have done for us. We wish God's continued blessing on you and those whom you love.

With deepest gratitude,  
The St. Louis Pastoral Council