



Faith Formation Column

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Welcome to the New Year! You may consider setting as your goal an action plan that Fr. Crispin encourages. There are many service opportunities:

SERVICE:

Continue giving to Aurora Commons! The container in the back of the church continues to spread warmth and cheer to the homeless in our neighborhood. Every Thursday someone takes the items to the Commons, and people there are so grateful for mittens, hats, towels, blankets and all. They welcome any clean blanket, towel or coat, even if it has been gently used.

Our Ballard community is grateful for the help with Sunday Dinners for the homeless on Sunday afternoon and evenings. You can sign up on this web page: <https://doodle.com/poll/z6cspixkxd3afp2t>.

St. Vincent de Paul and the Women's Shelter are two incredible ways to get involved. You can contact Dave Cullen and Mary Kearney through the parish office. These organizations have a huge impact on our surrounding community.

Ronald Brown at the Loyal Heights Community Center needs teens to help with projects there. Please connect with him at Ronald.brown@seattle.gov to get your kids signed up for putting their faith into action.

Sherman Alexie's poem, Hymn, asks these questions:

"Will you be eyes for the blind?

Will you become the feet for the wounded?

Will you protect the poor?

Will you welcome the lost to the shore?"

These words, of course, echo Jesus when he asks us to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

ELDERING NEWS:

On January 25th, after the Golden Fellowship Lunch, there will be a meeting concerning the transitions elders face when looking at new living situations. A representative from Ida Culver will present some experiences people make when transitioning to this stage. It is a good informational meeting, and an opportunity to talk about what next stages of life bring. More on this next week.

TEEN NEWS:

Kate Brown is continuing our north deanery youth group with the series called "Stressed and Blessed" with weekly meetings from January 21 until the end of May. If that title describes you, please be there. Call the parish office for more information.