

Look Who's Talking

The following are word for word comments from real people – folks just like you - who have taken the Called and Gifted Spiritual Gifts Program...

“The benefit of this workshop is that it gives direction to our call from the Holy Spirit. The self-discovery in how we are called to serve God is eye-opening, reassuring, and exciting all at the same time”

Chris W. ~Workshop Participant

“I feel like this workshop has opened up my eyes to see the gifts that have been given to me. That there is a purpose in the things that I do to help others. It was surprising to see some of the things in my ‘gift basket’ that I would have never thought would be in there so I look forward to the discernment process to further open my eyes to see where the Lord leads me to.”

Sachy O. ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted Program has been a blessing to me. I didn't know what gifts I had. Now I know God has a mission for me and He has given me the gifts I need to accomplish this mission.”

Dottie P. ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted program provides a great way for Catholic Christians to learn about the Spiritual Gifts and to discern their own call in God's plan. I'm excited to keep gaining more clarity about my gifts and to exercise them in a more intentional and confident way”

Father Chris Goodwin ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted Program helped me to appreciate the unique call God has given me for the mission of the Church.”

Tom S. ~ Workshop Participant

“I recommend this program for your growth in the Lord. It should be taken by all Catholics, Priests, and Religious as well. Besides, you learn the generosity of the Lord with your life. Praise Him forever!”

Ana G. ~ Workshop Participant

"I've come to a much clearer understanding of my Charisms but more importantly how they work together. This course could be taken easily no matter where you are with the understanding of your gifts and learn so much!"

Dawn G. ~ Workshop Participant

"I think the Called and Gifted Program is very good in helping people understand how God wants to work in and through them. God pours out grace upon us in the form of Charisms so that we could be His presence in the world. This is really a call of intimacy as we draw near to Christ when we say "yes", and that "yes" allows us to experience Christ's love for us and those around us. Mission isn't to be feared, it is what helps us to be the person God created us to be - it brings us healing, joy, peace and a greater trust in God."

Don J. ~ Workshop Participant

"It's inspiring and creates enthusiasm about seeking our Spiritual Gifts and vocation. It gives good, very helpful instruction on how to go about it. Confirms that we are all called by God, each unique, each of us has a job that no one else can do. Has shown me the seriousness of my purpose in this world."

Carolyn F. ~ Workshop Participant

"Excellent program to help committed Christians to better understand the gifts they have received and how to apply them to build up God's kingdom on earth."

Ray G. ~ Workshop Participant

"This program has given me a purpose – helped me identify my mission, and the steps I need to take to fulfill it. The program was awesome! I am so glad I was able to participate."

Donna C. ~ Workshop Participant

“This is the best Catholic course I have ever taken and I was in Opus Dei for over 10 years.”

Roger V. ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted program opened my mind to a whole new knowledge of spiritual giftedness. The idea that the Charisms are what we do to benefit others was a new concept for me and the revelation of how we know that we are exercising a Charism through the experience, the effect, and feedback. It was like going through a whole new doorway that I had never passed through before.”

Nancy B. ~ Workshop Participant

“If you’re lost and don’t know God’s calling for your life... If you’re looking for some guidance but just don’t know where to start... If you’d like to start serving God and experience “deep joy” ... Then the Called and Gifted program is one way to help you with it. It’s a great course to take and learn a lot about yourself and God’s spiritual gifts to you (your own Charisms). I promise you will see yourself, the world, and God’s plan differently when you take this class and commit yourself to it. God Bless, and may this program continue to help and touch more lives for God’s greater glory!”

Marneli A. ~ Workshop Participant

“No matter where you are on your journey with the Lord, this program will help you”

Linda F. ~ Workshop Participant

“After 50 years of religious life, this program has brought a new energy, looking to the future. Being aware of how the Lord has gifted me with specific Charisms, and uses them in me, to bring Himself to others is an overwhelming joy.”

Sister Roberta H., I.H.M. ~ Workshop Participant

“Everyone has gifts and Charisms to share in the Church. I’m glad I took the program and I believe it would be useful for most everyone in the Church.”

Rick M. ~ Workshop Participant

“The materials and recorded talks are excellent, well thought-out, thoroughly tested over time with a variety of populations, and are based on solid Catholic teaching from the Magisterium.”

Jeanne T. ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted program is well worth the time commitment because it is priceless and invaluable how it will help one with their discernment process. It will help one identify the Charisms God is using in them.”

Sister Anne S., I.H.M. ~ Workshop Participant

“No matter your age or spiritual background, this workshop opens up a new world of hope and direction for what God still has for you to do for Him.”

Hope S. ~ Workshop Participant

“The program is for everyone, both young and old. I recommend it to those who are really serious in doing the will of God. Especially those who wanted to be a saint.”

Loyda S~ Workshop Participant

“Because of this course, I now know that I gave my own, unique mission and purpose within the Catholic Church.”

Gabrielle F. ~ Workshop Participant

“From my perspective (age 77), I would highly recommend it for the younger generations. If I had the program years ago, I might well have had the insight to pursue or focus on different activities in my life.”

Mike A. ~ Workshop Participant

"I feel much richer for the experience and drawn closer to God and His calling."

Andrew D. ~ Workshop Participant

"It is a course everybody should undergo I think. It is like a finishing touch about the learning on the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It gives a broader knowledge about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and it's purpose in every Christian life."

Leticia M. ~ Workshop Participant

"The Called and Gifted Program should be an ongoing program in parishes. By helping parishioner understand their Charisms and then fostering opportunities to embrace them, the Church will become more true to its mission within its walls and more effective in transforming the world outside the walls."

Anne Marie P. ~ Workshop Participant

"The Called and Gifted Program is nice. It opened our eyes to what we as Catholics have (gifts) and many don't know. All Catholics should be aware of this."

Dora T. ~ Workshop Participant

"This is a wonderful and incredible opportunity to learn about your faith, your life, your purpose. The setting evolved and encouraged such growth in each participant and we all are all the better for it. Dave is a loving, giving, caring individual and through this workshop has been able to touch our lives, strengthen our relationship with God, and give direction to the course of our lives making use of the gifts we never thought about having."

Beverly S. ~ Workshop Participant

"Helped me dig deeper into the gifts God has for me and my purpose in life for other's use."

Toni O. ~ Workshop Participant

“As I get closer to retirement, it was nice to earn and better understand the gifts that I have been given and how I could put them to use now and in the future.”

Janet R. ~ Workshop Participant

“Come join the Called and Gifted program. This was an eye opener for me and I can assure it will be for you. Be open; ready to accept the Holy Spirit and His works. This is a great experience you will not want to miss. All the added tools, prayers given during this workshop were greatly appreciated. Thanks to Sherry for introducing the Called and Gifted program, and to Dave for being the instrument to enlighten me. Joining this course just happened when I read about it in the church bulletin and I’m absolutely delighted I took this journey.”

Glenda B. ~ Workshop Participant

“The program is a launching point, as our leader Dave Michaels said. Systematic (if time discipline is applied) and earnest attentiveness are called for – in expanding and deepening this study of self in God’s Holy Plan:

- **To not hinder or ignore Him;**
- **To embrace and welcome Him into the most unrealized corners of self;**
- **To understand more, with fullness of being – as He sees me;**
- **To move toward Him.**

I thank God Dave Michaels brought this to my attention. It is a sublime area of consideration, and I question if many could reveal these spiritual aspects with the level of love, sensitivity, and intelligence as he has.”

Jef D. ~ Workshop Participant

“From the beginning of this Gifted workshop I knew I was in a very special place. I experienced the blessings of the Spiritual Gifts from my classmates immediately. I felt like God had me in the right place at the right time.”

Chris M. ~ Workshop Participant

"This program came at a good time for me and helped me deal with the transition from active to retired life. Gave me back a sense of purpose."

Dave K. ~ Workshop Participant

"Wonderful for awakening self-awareness of our Charisms."

Donna R. ~ Workshop Participant

"I can't say enough good about this program. It has opened my eyes to a whole new spiritual plain. I feel that it has made me aware of window I didn't know even existed. Everyone should strive to learn their Charisms."

Monica L. ~ Workshop Participant

"For those who are seeking a more meaningful experience with the use of all the gifts given you by God, then this program is perfect."

Mary Jane D. ~ Workshop Participant

"The Called and Gifted program is a must for those who are seeking to be closer to God".

Tee N. ~ Workshop Participant

"The Called and Gifted program is a nice introduction to start you on your path of enlightenment, to identify your gifts from God and His plan for your life."

Mary C. ~ Workshop Participant

"It is a gift to the Church and gift worth investing in for yourself. The Spiritual Gifts Workshops meet a need in the DC metro area for Catholics to deepen their walk with God and become empowered to serve from a full cup."

Julia S. ~ Workshop Participant

"It motivates me (you) to be a fruit farmer for the Kingdom of God in my (your) own way, using our own unique Charisms/Gifts that we use to help someone else in need."

John B. ~ Workshop Participant

"All Christians have a vocation and Charisms. God gives us the gifts and is always with us."

Berna Y. ~ Workshop Participant

"This class has changed the way I view myself. I couldn't understand why I couldn't do what seemed to come so easily to others.

The class is a wonderful springboard for the rest of my life. Now that I have started to discern my Charisms I can prayerfully look at 'What's next my God!' What you have made me to be has value."

Marybeth S. ~ Workshop Participant

"I would recommend the *Called and Gifted* program as a way to learn about the *Spiritual Gifts* and discern how *God* is calling me to serve Him."

Terry H. ~ Workshop Participant

"The program provides clarity or the start of clarity of gifts from God that can help with both where you are going and some understanding on where you have been. Allows one the strength to work with Christ as He is with you through the Holy Trinity."

Bill M. ~ Workshop Participant

“The workshop, the instructor, the participants, and the materials were all instrumental in helping me begin my journey of discovering my Charisms. I can better see how God works through others.”

Angela C. ~ Workshop Participant

“It is very powerful program that is helping me not only discern my Charisms, but most importantly to bring me closer to God. “

Annie T. ~ Workshop Participant

“Since my husband of 58 years died this past summer, I have been re-evaluating my life and asking God, “What is my purpose for still being here?”

The program has given me that answer – Thank You”

Gloria H., RN ~ Workshop Participant

“I have come to know that we are all Called and Gifted by God. However, we are so busy with our lives that we hardly take the time to know about our gifts or even to hear God calling us. I thank God that you did and because of that I have benefited from this class. I can now use my gifts more intentionally for the benefit of others and to the Glory of God. I hope everybody can take this class too, there is so much to gain and nothing to lose.”

Audrey B. ~ Workshop Participant

“For those who are looking to find what God’s mission for their life is – this is the course for you!”

Dawn Marie J. ~ Workshop Participant

“I was praying for God’s will before for months and He sent me to this class. It was an eye-opening experience. I would recommend it to every Christian. It taught me how to discern the gifts God gave to me for others. It helped me to know myself better and seek for the place God has intended for me in His plan.”

Zuzana O. ~ Workshop Participant

“The Called and Gifted Program helps us to know, understand, discern and use those Spiritual Gifts we have been given by God to benefit others, and to find a purpose/calling for our lives.”

Michelle Z. ~ Workshop Participant

“Instructors are very knowledgeable and spiritually mature. It is a learning experience well worth the time. And, no matter what – ATTEND!”

Liza O. ~ Workshop Participant