

Phil Vera:

Hello there,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share a personal experience that I believe was profoundly influenced by my participation in the Called & Gifted program. This program encourages us to discern our spiritual gifts and use them in service to others, while also developing an awareness for opportunities to put these gifts into action.

I want to share with you some thoughts about the special gifts we receive at the time of our baptism, known as Charisms. These aren't just random attributes, but rather, they're special gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. The beauty of these gifts is that they're not just for us to keep, but to use in bringing others closer to God.

I fondly recall the moment I believe I discerned my personal Charisms. It was a profound revelation, a joyous "a ha" moment that I will always cherish. I discovered that I had been using my gifts to help others for a long time, and it brought me immense joy. This joy comes from helping others understand the depth of God's love for us, a love so profound that He made each one of us an instrument to bring others closer to Him.

Imagine the joy and fulfillment you would feel knowing that you are using your God-given gifts to make a difference in the world. Imagine the sense of purpose and direction you would gain from understanding your unique role in God's plan. This is what the Called and Gifted process offers.

I am truly grateful for the Called and Gifted program. It has heightened my awareness of the importance of discerning our gifts, recognizing opportunities to help others, and having the courage to act.

Warm Regards, Phil Vera