

Sandy Waeiss:

When asked to participate in the Called and Gifted discernment process, I was unaware of the program but excited to be included in the workshop and to learn of my charisms. As participants in the Called and Gifted program, the goal is to discern our spiritual gifts in the service of others and develop an awareness for opportunities to use them throughout the parish and beyond. Beginning with the first session, it was wonderful to see our group's eagerness to live our faith fully and then with each session, to share our stories as we began discovering and experimenting with our charisms. My interview helped me recognize the gifts already in my life...hospitality, mercy, prayer intercession. I learned that these are different than natural abilities and that they are spiritual gifts. Understanding my charisms brings me joy as well as comfort in knowing that I am using the gifts the Holy Spirit has given me to benefit others. I am excited to work with family and friends to realize the importance of discerning our charisms. It is a blessing to witness others realize their gifts.