

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year C

- Today we hear about being good stewards of God's gifts
  - Now we all have gifts Financial, Talents, Possessions
  - With any gift, comes responsibility. What will we do with these gifts?
- Today we are given 9 new gifts – these children to be baptized
  - Precious, incredible potential – Doctors, Musicians, Artists, Plumbers, Priests
  - I just said that with any gift, comes responsibility. What will we do with these gifts?

Responsibility is NOT just with the parents

NOT just the God-parents

ALL OF US share in the responsibility of these children

How we live - OUR Example – makes a difference.

Yesterday I was at the Cathedral – Ordination of 14 Deacons (One from Walpole)

I also received a list of 17 new candidates (One from Walpole)

*(Someone asked me what we put in the water to get so many vocations)*

It made me think?

What did these men experience in their life walk that led them to take this step?

PARENTS    FRIENDS    TEACHERS    COACHES    CO-WORKERS  
GOD PARENTS    SCOUT LEADERS    AUNTS/UNCLES    + **GRACE**

Grace is a gift – **but look around**

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**We** are the stewards of these 9 gifts.

**Our** lifestyle, **our** commitment, **our** example will affect the men and women they will become.

As we baptize them, our prayer is not only for them – but also for us – the community they join. That together we may both grow the Kingdom of God.