



FAITH, HOPE & COURAGE PERSONAL WITNESS SELECTION TIPS

Choose an active member of the parish community, preferably a lay minister. However, for the *Faith, Hope & Courage* program, appropriate options may also include staff, Finance, or Parish Council members:

- Someone who is a direct recipient of your ministries whose life has been changed OR someone who has direct experience surrounding what has been happening at the parish or with parish ministry in the past few months
- The witness should be comfortable speaking in front of the parish community but does not need to be a professional speaker
- The witness should be someone who regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of the parish (*lead by example*)
- The witness must be willing to take the time to prepare a heartfelt talk (*training will be provided as needed*)
- The talk should be limited to 3 to 5 minutes in length
- The witness should be prepared to practice their talk in church to gauge their volume with the microphone at the ambo and seating location; (*parish program contact should arrange this opportunity with witness for minimum one week prior to Commitment Weekend*)
- Finally – the witness must be willing to submit their talk in advance (in print) to be approved by the Pastor a minimum of two weeks before Commitment Weekend.