

*Christ has no hands now but yours...  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world...*

## This Labor Day weekend we recognize and celebrate how we serve God through our occupations

*"The ordinary work of people on their jobs, with their families and in their neighborhoods is as much a part of the function of the church as is Sunday Mass or Tuesday evening Bible study. This daily fidelity to work sustains and improves the human community, and thus advances the kingdom of God."*

William Droel and Gregory Pierce

### Identify Your Occupation

Your occupation is whatever **primarily occupies your time** at this point in your life, paid or unpaid. You are called to **ministry** in your current occupation, whatever it is.

Many have **traditional jobs**. Others are **homemakers** and/or **parents**. **Seeking a job** is an occupation. Being a **child** and/or **student** is an occupation itself (not just preparing for one). Those who are **retired** have different occupations: as gardeners, travelers, grandparents, book readers, community volunteers, and many more.

You don't have to have an especially "noble" job to serve God through your occupation. Through our work, we can find meaning, serve others, and make the world a better place.

### Wear Your Occupation

When you come to Mass this Labor Day weekend, wear whatever you would in your occupation (especially if it identifies it). Don't worry if your occupation is not obvious from your clothing: we will have name tags you can write it on. Feel free to wear hats or jackets if you use one on your job. You can wear something with the name of your employer or school.

### Bring a Symbol

At the Presentation of the Gifts, you are invited to place a symbol of your occupation on a table in front of the altar. We offer to God the work of our hands, which we use to bring about the Kingdom. Please claim your symbol from the table right after Mass.

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Saturday Vigil – Aug. 31, 2013 – 5:00pm  
Sunday Eucharist – Sep. 1, 2013 – 8:00am and 10:30am

