

Chapter 24

*Now It's Up to You*

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.  
*1 Corinthians 12:27*

**For the Parents:**

In chapter 24 your child learned to:

- Describe how he or she can care for the needs of others in Christ's name
- Explain how the sacraments equip God's People to carry out their vocation
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen him or her for Christian service

The many diverse gifts that the Holy Spirit provides are intended to build up the Body of Christ and to equip the Church for carrying out Christ's mission in the world. The ongoing story of the Church's life is first and foremost the work of the Holy Spirit active in our midst. Our human response to the action of the Spirit is itself God's gift. We are invited to use our freedom to embrace the work of God and to place ourselves freely and consciously at the service of God's plan. It can be difficult to carry out our Christian vocation to use, develop, and give our gifts freely to build up the Body of Christ and to serve the human community in his name. The calling we have in Christ both confers honor and requires risk. Nevertheless, the Spirit enables us to say yes to this calling in every stage of our lives. Ultimately, our ministry in the world does not belong to us. It is God's doing. God's grace abounds, and we become able to serve when we call upon God's strength.

**With Your Child:**

1. Find a way for your family to serve others, either a volunteer project or an ongoing ministry. A building project in the neighborhood, or even at home, might be perfect.
2. Read about Saint Vincent de Paul on the Review and Explore page.