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Dear Parish Family,

I have never met anyone who did not enjoy Valentine's Day. Those little hearts of candy with the stamped message were very popular. Probably, the greatest statement or message that we have ever heard is 'I love you'. Yes, God is love. God created us because of His love for us. I believe it is the key to joy in every human being.....to love and be loved!!!

And you know, we move beyond sugar candies when we actually decide to love. Love is a decision. It is not just a feeling. When we love or are loved, we feel good, special and warm inside. These are feelings that result from the decision to love. We see the reality of that decision in our commitment to Christ and obedience to Divine law, and the decision to care for others. For example, your pledge to this year's DSF, is like a Valentine's Day card as you choose to care about the needs of our Archdiocese.

Involvement in the life of the parish is another real example of this decision. Another area that I believe is many times misunderstood is the area of parish ministry. Our parish ministers volunteer to serve as Lectors, Extraordinary Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Arts and Environment Ministers, Music Ministers, Catechists, etc. because they care about the parish. They are not chosen. They do not consider themselves better than another or anything like that. They just work hard to be good ministers. I believe each one says just like I do, "Lord, I am not worthy". No one is worthy, but because of God's great love for us, you can say it. I can say it. I choose. I decide to love you.

In love,

Fr. Dwight

P.S. Stay warm this weekend - make sure to protect yourself and be safe!