

1. What one thing will you remember most about the Charism Course?

That everyone has charisms. The presentation of the entire course. I'm sure the follow up meeting are going to be very helpful along the journey. The anointing of the Holy Spirit poured out every week in the main session as well as the breakout rooms. Hearing at the very beginning that God does not want us to live from a place of shame or fear or hiding from Him. The workbook and the Charism test because I keep referring to it. Very enlightening and inspirational sessions. I am more aware of my charisms now which I did not realize before. My top 5 CHARISMS. My CHARISMS surprised me from what I first thought. The Breakout Groups. Developing relationships with those in our Breakout room. My mission to use my charisms. Surprise and happiness that it was traditional in nature. That you for graciously inviting us from Atlanta and Texas to join you. The Charism I was surprised to learn I had. I was surprised that one of high charisms was Faith. I was then able to see how God has used me in this charism and how it has grown over the years. That your charisms are not isolated but merged together within you to create a genuinely unique servant for the church and for God's Glory. The people I met from different places. Breakout Discussions. I discovered my true charisms. Charisms are not just about our gifts, but about how our gifts are used to extend God's love to others.

2. What did you like BEST about the Charism Course?

The breakout sessions. The Charisms test and learning that Charisms do change. I had a feeling they change and believe the Holy Spirit is working through me. I hope that I meet all His expectations in a timely manner. Becoming aware of the charisms that the Holy Spirit have gifted me. The instruction from Renee and the quiz. Being able to share openly with others about where I believe God is using me.

Renee's teachings and personal stories- excellent PowerPoint slides. Renee and breakout sessions were both excellent. Renee is such an anointed teacher/facilitator! She has a gentle spirit and is so knowledgeable! Finding me and the Holy Spirit and the friendship formed in the group. Renée's talks and the Breakout Groups, Learning, discerning than sharing and growing with the Breakout group. I think it was a great way to help ministries discover and use their human resources to their highest potential and thereby enliven the organization and the members. Technology - the great speaker and the ease of switching to our small groups. Any glitches in groupings were God's perfect plan. I liked my breakout leader. The charism tools and their descriptions in the book. I liked the breakout sessions and having people w/ different charisms in there. We learned from each other. We really gelled and want to continue sharing how God is using us. Being grouped with people of different charisms. For me, it made each individual shine with a glow all of their own. It was beautiful hearing their passion in talking about how and when they use their charisms and the satisfaction and joy they each received afterwards. I also liked that Renee always presented a warm, loving, and caring atmosphere. That we were able to have group discussion and got to know others with the same interests. Taking the survey to discover what my charisms are. Breakout Discussions. I discovered my true charisms/ Charisms are not just about our gifts, but about how our gifts are used to extend God's love to others. To be honest, I liked that I didn't have to leave my house to take the course. The resource book was a great guide into knowing specifically what each charism meant. I also enjoyed getting to know new people in my small group.

3. Please share how God touched you personally during the Charism Course.

The Lord opened my eyes and ears to hear HIS voice and to see where HE is calling me to help those in need. Learning I have more Charisms than I thought. There are ways to discern them.

And there is not an extensive list of Charisms. I've learned to be more attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to operate my charisms. He helped me embrace my charisms. Making me slowly realize that I don't need to be ashamed of the charisms in me and feel weird because a few are labeled extraordinary by the Church documents. I don't need to compare myself to others. I appreciated knowing that others I work with could also help identify and confirm my charisms. Greater awareness of His love for all of us. We are blessed through His gifts! I thought I knew my gifts, but God revealed to me the charisms that I was given and not fully had not known. They are like unwrapped presents. Now I have to intentionally use and share the charisms that was revealed to me. Tears of joy and thanksgiving as I felt his hand on mine. Saying, I'm with you as you continue to serve others. I felt the Lord's Presence, especially at the end. It reawakened my focus on my Charisms and the need to use it. I was happy to be with like-minded, like-driven people who love God. That always gives me great joy and gratitude. He gave me some new tools to bring me closer to the Holy Spirit and help me on my journey. Listening to Renee such a sweet calming voice and quiet reflection time studying my charism. I offered to help a friend clean her basement after 2 floods. She was reluctant to let me help. When I told her that I had the gifts of service and helps she agreed to let me help. Our interaction brought me to tears and I knew the Lord was blessing her thru me. I guess for me it was seeing the beauty and talents shine thru each group session. Fellowship grew and everyone seemed to genuinely care about each other and their progress. I was encouraged and motivated knowing God is at work in so many people. I'm not sure I feel anything differently yet. I'm still trying to figure that out! God personally revealed how and how I am not using my charisms, how I could operate more fully in them, areas that he wants me to grow in those I do not have, and lit a desire for revival in my home parish and more concrete ways to use my gifts.