



"The biggest hindrance to charisms is a lack of virtue," Huntington said.
 "For a charism to work freely and be powerful, you have to get out of the way," she added.

"Learning to let go and let God take care of your own needs allows you to really hand over yourself and really be there for the other person and what God is trying to do for them.

"But if you do let go of the wheel," she said, "the end result is peace. God starts to work in your life more and in the lives of people around you."

Julie Carroll is a columnist with: www.thecatholicspirit.com The website of the Archdiocese of St Paul Minnesota. The article can be found at the following link:

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Equipping parishes to form lay apostles

The following article introduces the **Called and Gifted Workshops** developed by the **Siena Institute** as a tool for helping Catholics discern their gifts. The program helps people sort through their life experiences to identify patterns that may indicate a charism. It also provides assistance in developing those charisms. Charisms are developed in drawing closer to God, intentionally seeking out situations where that charism would be needed and developing skills that support the charism. Catholic Adult Education Melbourne is preparing to launch the **Called and Gifted Workshop** in Australia. In preparation for this, during 2004 we will offer a number of courses that explore the role of the laity as well as conducting information sessions through your parish or deanery.

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