

# Lenten Reflection

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*“The greatest among you must be your servant.  
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*

I have to admit when I read this Gospel passage and specifically the final sentences quoted above, I immediately thought of some of the current political leaders and perhaps how these words could take them down a peg or two. And yet, that is not what Jesus is trying to tell us. We are all called to serve, to think of the one in need before ourselves, to be like Jesus Christ in all we do.

As I write this, a group of La Roche College students are planning an Alternative Spring Break trip to Chicago. They will be working with people who are among the most vulnerable in our society and learning what it means to become an agent of change. I have seen students return from these trips with a new perspective. They have learned something about the world they live in and in turn, have learned something about who they are. By giving themselves in service to others, they have gained so much more in return.

What can you and I do in this Lenten season to become more like that most humble of servants, Jesus Christ? The Sisters of Divine Providence have a communal commitment to “generously share [their] abundance even in the midst of scarcity.” Perhaps you cannot travel to Chicago and immerse yourself in a week of service, but even small gestures of giving make a difference – giving your time, your talent, your treasure. May we all recognize the Lenten opportunity of becoming the servant and being a person of Jesus in our local, national and global communities.

