**What Are Some of the Charisms?**

**Definition of Charism**

A charism is a spiritual gift, given by God to each at Baptism and strengthened by the Sacraments.

**More on Charisms:**

Each person has at least one, some have more.

Are used to serve God

Are used for others

Have supernatural characteristics, for the giver and the receiver

**20 Common Charisms:**

Here is a listing of the 20 common charisms separated in groupings as presented in the Uniquely His spiritual gift inventory tool:

**Pastoral charisms nurture individuals and community**:

* Encouragement: To effectively listen and to verbally strengthen, comfort or counsel others in a way that is personally helpful and promotes growth

Helps: To support, assist and enable another person to be more effective in their service, ministry or vocation

Hospitality: To open one’s heart to welcome and receive others as Jesus, often by providing food or shelter

Mercy: To experience deep empathy and compassion for those who suffer and respond with acts of loving service and assistance

Pastoring/Shepherding: The special grace to commit oneself to the nurturing, formation and growth of a group of Christians for an extended period of time

**Organizational charisms focus on structuring things and people for the good of others**:

* Administrative: Effectively and easily coordinate and organize a large project or several smaller projects at the same time
* Giving: To give of oneself or one’s resources in very generous or sacrificial ways to further the mission of Christ and the Church
* Leadership: Special grace to share a vision or ideal with others in such a way that they desire your direction and become motivated to work together to make it happen
* Service: The ability to see tasks which need to be done to support and accomplish organizational goals and being moved to do them or offer one’s assistance.

**Healing charisms channel God’s restoration in others lives**:

* Healing: To become God’s instrument, though prayer, in physical, inner or relational healing
* Intercession: To pray regularly and faithfully for extended periods for the needs of others in knowing from past experience that prayer can move mountains

**Creative charisms order and beautify the world for others**:

* Craftsmanship: Physically and artistically create or design something, often with one’s hands, which beautifies God’s world or edifies his people
* Music: To compose, perform or direct musical arrangements in a way that positively affects and is experienced as a ministry personally
* Writing: To effectively express oneself in written works which convey human experience, truth, beauty, or instruction that deeply affects the reader

**Communications charisms are used share faith with others:**

* Evangelism: To share the good news, one’s faith or spiritual experience in a way that draws others closer to Jesus
* Prophecy: To envision God’s will clear enough to communicate a message, truth or call to God’s people of actions needed today for change tomorrow
* Teaching: To effectively communicate ideas and information, or teach new skills in a way that advances people’s growth, and understanding of the subject

**Lifestyle charisms create freedom for unique ministry**:

* Faith: To have such great trust in God and belief in his will in a given situation that one acts in faith and obedience without concern of the outcome
* Missionary: To experience global concerns with a great zeal to live one’s mission and further the salvation of all people‘s worldwide

**Understanding charisms assist others in comprehending the ways of humanity and God**:

* Discernment: To intuitively sense or recognize what is of God, or human origin or not of God, which turns out to be accurate
* Knowledge: To seek, collect, organize or analyze information and data to effectively advance the good and growth of God’s people and the mission of Christ
* Wisdom: To understand and apply knowledge and truths with deep insight into the most effective course of action to take to accomplish the goal.

**How to obtain a copy of “Uniquely His**”:

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