***Lay Witness Invitation Example***

Dear [SALUTATION]

Thank you for the many ways you contribute to [PARISH NAME]. Your response to the call of discipleship is life-enriching for so many at our Parish. It is because of your involvement, that I am requesting your participation as a lay speaker on Sunday, October 25th during our Season of Stewardship. This unique opportunity to share your story inspires and enables others to see themselves in your service and generosity. I am sure your reflection will be impactful for all parishioners!

What we are looking for from our witness speakers is an authentic and honest reflection on what this Parish has meant to you, your family or friends, your life in Christ, and your expression of faith, specifically through the lens of stewardship. Looking through the lens of stewardship, how would you say that prayer, service, hospitality, or generosity played a role in forming you as a disciple? This reflection will be at the end of Mass, and we will work with you on the message, as you need.

I hope you will prayerfully discern your participation. I will be following up with you this week to discuss this opportunity more, but in the meantime please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you and God bless,

[PASTOR]