

The 6 Characteristics of Ministry (Thomas F. O'Meara, OP)

When everything is ministry, nothing is ministry.

Ministry is:

1. Doing something
2. For the kingdom of God
3. In public (ie connected to Church / the gospel is visible)
4. On behalf of the Christian community
5. A gift of the Holy Spirit
6. In diverse kinds of service

Therefore: being Christian is not a ministry
 praying is not a ministry
 cloistered orders are not a ministry (except to each other)
 picking up rubbish is not ministry
 being honest is not a ministry