Financial Peace University

INFORMATION GUIDE:

Catholic Edition

Changing Families Across America One Class at a Time

Many know Dave Ramsey as a radio show host, but did you know he has a heart for local congregations, including Catholics? For more than 20 years, thousands upon thousands of congregations, Protestant and Catholic alike, have hosted *Financial Peace University*. More than 4.5 million people have learned how to handle money God's way and take control of their futures. They've beaten debt while learning to save wisely and give generously.

What if families in your parish didn't have to face car payments or credit card debt? What if couples were on the same page with their finances and could avoid those destructive money fights? What would the people in your parish be able to accomplish without being held back by finances? What if your parish was known in the community as the place where people came to learn how to handle their money? That's not a dream. It's more than just possible. It's a reality for many congregations across the country.

"FPU helped to educate me on how money can work for or against you. Knowledge and discipline are powerful tools in building a sound financial home."

Dave
Parishioner and Ministry Leader
Cathedral of the Nativity

"Despite degrees in economics and business, it took diving into FPU to actually grasp how important cash flow, budgeting, and debt-reductions strategies are for a healthy marriage and family life."

Ginny and Frank
Parishioners
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

$56,516

CNN Money 2015

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD DEBT

- $187,187 Mortgages
- $29,575 Student Loans
- $16,917 Auto Loans
- $5,100 Credit Cards

TransUnion Consumer Wallet Study 2014

76% of people live paycheck to paycheck

CNN Money 2013

24%

The average American household wastes 24% of their take-home pay on consumer debt.

Financial Wellness 2016

64% of Americans can't cover a **$1,000 EMERGENCY**

MarketWatch 2015

FPU Will Help Your Parish Make a Difference

Money is one of the toughest topics to discuss from the pulpit. But as a key component of discipleship, we know how badly it's needed. We're here to help you carry that load. *Financial Peace University* has become a staple in many congregations throughout the nation, helping Christians embrace lives of stewardship.

More than 4.5 million people have gone through FPU and learned God's way of handling money. They've been taught how to create a budget they can follow, and they've rewritten their stories—changing their futures forever. It's all because leaders like you have made this course available and promoted the life-change that comes when people learn to be good steward's of God's financial treasure.

BRINGING FPU TO YOUR PARISH WILL HELP YOU:

- ✓ Remove hesitation to talk about money by introducing a class designed to teach financial stewardship as a way of life.
- ✓ Raise a culture of generosity by helping your parishioners beat the debt that keeps them from giving.
- ✓ Stop worrying about how to reach your parishioners by offering a class that will teach them why and how to give generously.
- ✓ Teach parishioners how to embrace God's way of handling money.

Financial Peace Members:

DEBT PAID IN 90 DAYS

$5,300 90

FPU Graduate Survey

SAVINGS IN 90 DAYS

$2,700 90

FPU Graduate Survey

89%

GRADUATE WITH AT LEAST A **$1,000 EMERGENCY FUND**

FPU Graduate Survey

58%

INCREASE THEIR GIVING AFTER TAKING FPU

FPU Graduate Survey

AVERAGE GIVING BY FPU GRADUATES

INCREASES FROM 4% TO 8%

4% 8%

FPU Graduate Survey

Bringing Financial Peace to Your Parish Is Easy

FORMATS FOR DIFFERENT SCHEDULES

FPU consists of a nine-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. It incorporates small-group discussion that encourages accountability and discipleship. The FPU Flex format fits more easily into traditional parish Bible study times,or ministry gatherings.

TRADITIONAL FORMAT	FPU FLEX FORMAT
90 Minutes	45 to 60 Minutes
Video With Class	Video at Home
Group Discussion	Group Discussion

IMPLEMENTATION

Since Dave does all the heavy lifting, FPU couldn't be easier to implement. He handles the teaching on DVD, and a volunteer coordinator leads the discussion time using our step-by-step Coordinator Guide. Each family attending the class will purchase an FPU Membership.

PROVEN OUTREACH TOOL

With 30% of attendees coming from outside of your parish, FPU is also an incredible way to evangelize. It's not uncommon for people to attend FPU who haven't stepped foot in a church in decades!

"We wanted to provide a tool for our parishioners to use for their personal finances. The name recognition of Dave Ramsey and FPU cut across all financial incomes in the parish and the response was great. The small group discussions that occurred had the additional benefit of creating fellowship among our parishioners."

Terri Derbes
Pastoral Associate
Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

"FPU changes lives, saves marriages, and energizes parish communities to use and manage resources through the lens of prayer and discernment. I wish all our parishes would offer it!"

Cory Howat
Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation of New Orleans

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Call a Stewardship Advisor to Help Plan and Promote Your Class!

We're here to help you get started and to help bring hope and change to families in your parish. When you call, be sure to ask about group discounts.

FPU is a tool for Everday Holiness

We often think of holiness as something reserved for priests and religious when in fact we are all called to holiness in every aspect of our lives.

This includes our financial lives.

"Give and gifts will be given to you…
For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Luke 6:38

"The plans of the digilent are sure of profit, but all the rash haste leads certainly to poverty"

Proverbs 21:5

"Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism."

Pope Francis

Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours."

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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DAVE RAMSEY is America's trusted voice on money and business. More than 4.5 million people have attended *Financial Peace University* in more than 45,000 churches nationwide. He's authored seven best-selling books: *Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership, Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money, Smart Money Smart Kids* and *The Legacy Journey*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on more than 575 radio stations and a variety of digital outlets.

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