A GUIDE TO GIVING IN STEWARDSHIP

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures:

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits …” (Proverbs 3:9)

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
  - Plan your giving annually
- Use your parish’s electronic offering (if applicable)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income.
  Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Offertory
Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish’s mission and ministries.

Annual Catholic Appeal
Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.

Second Collections
Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.

Parish Capital Campaign
Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.

Community Charities
Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.
1. Calculate annual gross family income:

| My income | $________________________ |
| My spouse's income | $________________________ |
| Other income | $________________________ |
| Total | $________________________ |

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

| Tithing (10%) | ________________% |
| Other | ________________% |

3. Calculate annual dollar giving amount:

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\text{Total Annual Gross Family Income} \times \text{Annual Giving Percentage} = \text{Annual Dollar Giving Amount}
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4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

**OFFERTORY**

Weekly $__________ (or) Monthly $__________  Annual $__________

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Annual $________________________

**PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Annual $________________________

**SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT**

| Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal | $________________________ |
| Annual Seminary Collection | $________________________ |
| Black & Indian Missions | $________________________ |
| Campaign for Human Development | $________________________ |
| Catholic Communications Campaign | $________________________ |
| Catholic Home Missions Appeal | $________________________ |
| Catholic Relief Services | $________________________ |
| Catholic University of America | $________________________ |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe | $________________________ |
| Formation of Permanent Deacons | $________________________ |
| Glennon Sunday | $________________________ |
| Holy Land | $________________________ |
| Latin America Apostolate | $________________________ |
| Peter’s Pence (for the Pope) | $________________________ |
| Regina Cleri | $________________________ |
| Respect Life Apostolate | $________________________ |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | $________________________ |
| St. Louis Review Subscription | $________________________ |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | $________________________ |
| World Mission Sunday | $________________________ |

**COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS**

| | $________________________ |
| | $________________________ |
| | $________________________ |

**TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING AMOUNT:**

AMOUNT: $________________________

**GIVING EXAMPLE**

1. Calculate annual gross income:

- My income: $45,000
- Spouse's income: $10,000
- Other income: $5,000
- Total: $60,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

- 3%
- 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:

- $60,000 x 3% = $1,800
- $60,000 x 10% = $6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

- Parish offertory:
  - $1,800 x 50% = $900
- Weekly offertory:
  - $900 ÷ 52 = $17.3
- Monthly offertory:
  - $3,000 ÷ 12 = $250

- Annual second collections (20):
  - $50 x 20 = $1,000

- Annual Catholic Appeal:
  - $600

- Other charities:
  - Grade school fundraiser: $300
  - High school fundraiser: $300
  - Charity 1: $225
  - Charity 2: $175
  - Parish Capital Campaign: $400

- Other totals: $1,400