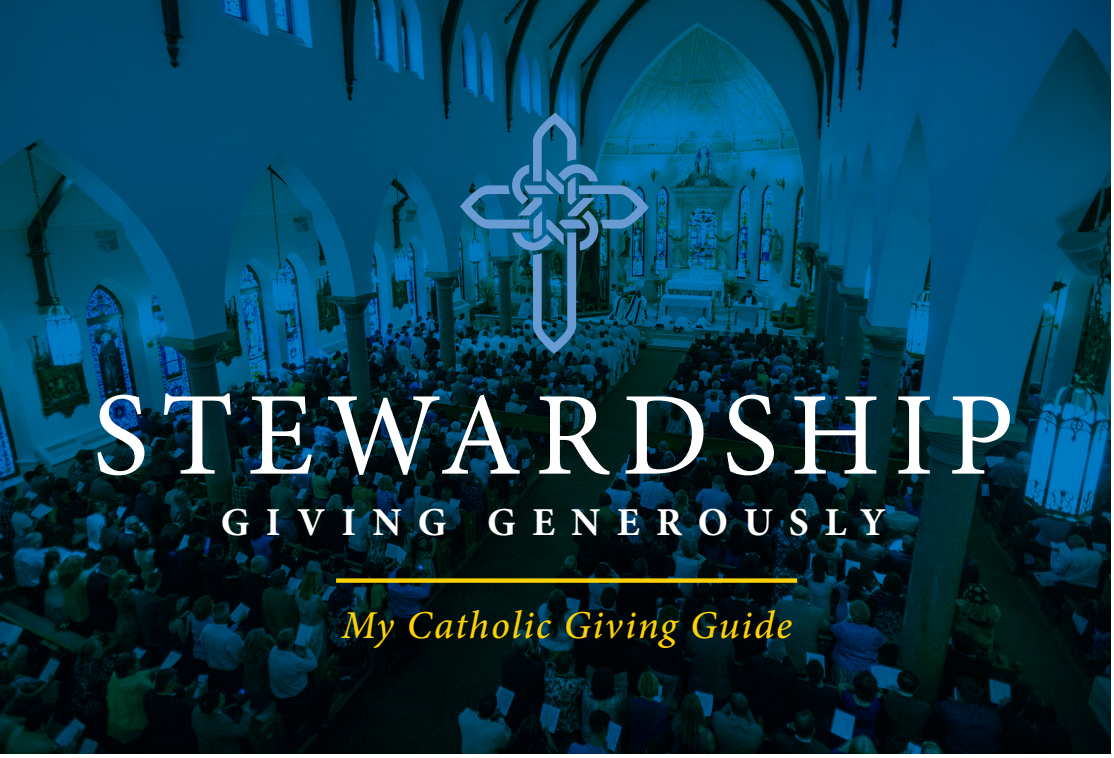

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING GENEROUSLY

My Catholic Giving Guide

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 an actual 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 God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving annually
- Use your parish's online giving options (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.

ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Offertory

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Supports many ministries, parishes and schools in our Diocese.

Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the Pope and bishops through specific global and local ministries.

Parish Capital Campaign

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.

Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations about which you are passionate.

"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 Cor 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE REVERSE SIDE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My income $_____
My spouse's income $_____
Other income $_____
Total $_____

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:

Tithing (10%) _____%
(or)
Other _____%

3. CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:

Total Annual Gross Family Income X Annual Giving Percentage = Annual Dollar Giving Amount

$_____ X _____% = $_____

4. DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

OFFERTORY

Weekly $_____ **(or) Monthly $**_____ **Annual $**_____

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Annual $_____

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Annual $_____

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priest Care Fund*	$_____
Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl	$_____
Black and Indian Missions	$_____
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	$_____
Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	$_____
Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)	$_____
Seminarian Formation Fund*	$_____
Catholic Communication Campaign	$_____
Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	$_____
Catholic University of America	$_____
World Mission Sunday (Propagation of Faith)	$_____
Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service, USA	$_____
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)	$_____
National Collection for Retired Religious	$_____

* 100% of the money stays in our diocese

OTHER CHARITIES

_____ $_____
_____ $_____
_____ $_____
_____ $_____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

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: 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:

$60,000
x 10%
$6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

Annual parish offertory (50% of total giving)	$6,000
	x 50%
	$3,000
Weekly offertory	$3,000
	÷ 52
	$57.60
OR	
Monthly offertory	$3,000
	÷ 12
	$250
Annual Diocesan Appeal	$1,000
Parish Capital Campaign	$1,000
Annual second collections	$25
	x 14
	$350

OTHER CHARITIES

Grade school fundraiser	$100
Catholic Charities	$150
Charity 1	$200
Charity 2	$200
OTHER TOTALS	$650
TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING	$6,000