

# Christ, Prince of Peace & St. Lawrence Parishes 2016 Annual Financial Stewardship Commitment

**This is not a binding legal contract. If your financial situations changes, we understand that will affect the financial commitment that you can fulfill.**

I gratefully return to God a portion of what He has given me by increasing my weekly contribution effective \_\_\_\_\_ . I intend to contribute:  
month/year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5 weekly - \$260 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 weekly - \$1,560 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 weekly - \$520 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 weekly - \$2,080 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 weekly - \$780 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 weekly - \$2,600 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 weekly - \$1040 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 weekly - \$3,120 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 weekly - \$1,300 per year      \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 weekly - \$3,900 per year

Or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly

\_\_\_\_\_ I will use my Offertory Envelopes

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive Offertory Envelopes

\_\_\_\_\_ I will simply use checks or a plain envelope with my name on it  
(No Offertory Envelopes).

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in using Electronic Fund Transfer or Bill Pay through my bank

\_\_\_\_\_ I am no longer a member of Christ, Prince of Peace or St. Lawrence Parishes.. Please  
remove my name from the Computer and Parish Census.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Parishioners are asked to turn in a response to the renewal  
before November 30, 2016.**

# GUIDELINES FOR REFLECTING ON MY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

## 2016 Annual Parish Stewardship Program

Christ, Prince of Peace and St. Lawrence Parishes

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As members of the Catholic Church, we have responsibilities to share in the support of our local parish, our diocese and the universal church. As good stewards, we need to use wisely the financial resources that God has blessed us with to take care of all of our responsibilities. Every year we should reflect on and review how God has blessed our lives and our families. The commandment to do this comes from the Scriptures.

The concept of Sacrificial Giving helps to guide how we approach financial stewardship. Sacrificial giving involves four basic principles:

1. Give back to God in a spirit of grateful dependence a portion of everything that God has given us.
2. See that our donations are a sacrifice, offerings that make holy all the efforts and earnings of the past week and a donations that is generous.
3. Donate regularly (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to the parish in a method that is recordable. (offertory envelopes, checks, envelope with name on it)
4. Look to the biblical concept of tithing as a guide or estimation of how much to give on a regular basis.

Information on the next pages will help you to understand these principles and adapt sacrificial giving into your experience.

## How grateful are you in the offering you give in the weekly collection?

The biblical sense of tithing means giving 10% of one's gross income back to God. Today we ask people to work their way to giving up to 5% of your income as a sacrificial gift to the parish and then up to 5% is given in other charitable ways: diocesan collections, the missions, local or national appeals for the needy, private charities and Catholic school tuition.

**Most people take a number of years to work up to donating 5% in the offertory collection. It is possible to do when we take it a step at a time. What percentage of your income do you give? Use this chart to figure it out. 1) Pick your annual income from the column on the left. 2) Go across that line to find your weekly contribution. 3) The percentage at the top of the column indicates the percentage that you give.**

	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%
\$10,000	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.75	\$5.75	\$6.75	\$7.75	\$8.75	\$9.75
\$12,500	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.25	\$8.50	\$9.75	\$11.00	\$12.00
\$15,000	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$5.75	\$7.25	\$8.75	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$14.50
\$17,500	\$1.75	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$6.75	\$8.50	\$10.00	\$11.75	\$13.50	\$15.25	\$17.00
\$20,000	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$5.75	\$7.75	\$9.75	\$11.50	\$13.50	\$15.50	\$17.50	\$19.25
\$22,500	\$2.25	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$8.75	\$10.75	\$13.00	\$15.25	\$17.50	\$19.50	\$21.75
\$25,000	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$7.25	\$9.75	\$12.00	\$14.50	\$17.00	\$19.25	\$21.75	\$24.00
\$27,500	\$2.75	\$5.25	\$8.00	\$10.50	\$13.25	\$16.00	\$18.50	\$21.25	\$23.75	\$26.50
\$30,000	\$3.00	\$5.75	\$8.75	\$11.50	\$14.50	\$17.50	\$20.25	\$23.25	\$26.00	\$29.00
\$32,500	\$3.25	\$6.25	\$9.50	\$12.50	\$15.75	\$18.75	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$28.25	\$31.25
\$35,000	\$3.50	\$6.75	\$10.25	\$13.50	\$17.00	\$20.25	\$23.50	\$27.00	\$30.25	\$33.75
\$37,500	\$3.75	\$7.25	\$11.00	\$14.50	\$18.00	\$21.75	\$25.25	\$29.00	\$32.50	\$36.00
\$40,000	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$11.50	\$15.50	\$19.25	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$30.75	\$34.75	\$38.50
\$42,500	\$4.25	\$8.25	\$12.25	\$16.50	\$20.50	\$24.50	\$28.75	\$32.75	\$36.75	\$41.00
\$45,000	\$4.50	\$8.75	\$13.00	\$17.50	\$21.75	\$26.00	\$30.25	\$34.75	\$39.00	\$43.25
\$47,500	\$4.75	\$9.25	\$13.75	\$18.25	\$23.00	\$27.50	\$32.00	\$36.50	\$41.25	\$45.75
\$50,000	\$5.00	\$9.75	\$14.50	\$19.25	\$24.00	\$29.00	\$33.75	\$38.50	\$43.25	\$48.00
\$55,000	\$5.50	\$10.50	\$16.00	\$21.25	\$26.50	\$31.75	\$37.00	\$42.50	\$47.50	\$53.00
\$60,000	\$6.00	\$11.50	\$17.25	\$23.00	\$29.00	\$34.75	\$40.50	\$46.25	\$52.00	\$57.75
\$65,000	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$37.50	\$43.75	\$50.00	\$56.25	\$62.50
\$70,000	\$7.00	\$13.50	\$20.25	\$27.00	\$33.75	\$40.50	\$47.00	\$54.00	\$60.50	\$67.50
\$75,000	\$7.50	\$14.50	\$21.75	\$29.00	\$36.00	\$43.25	\$50.50	\$57.75	\$65.00	\$72.00
\$80,000	\$8.00	\$15.50	\$23.00	\$30.75	\$38.50	\$46.25	\$54.00	\$61.50	\$69.25	\$77.00
\$85,000	\$8.50	\$16.50	\$24.50	\$32.75	\$41.00	\$49.00	\$57.25	\$65.50	\$73.50	\$81.75
\$90,000	\$9.00	\$17.50	\$26.00	\$34.75	\$43.25	\$52.00	\$60.50	\$69.25	\$78.00	\$86.50
\$95,000	\$9.50	\$18.25	\$27.50	\$36.50	\$45.75	\$55.00	\$64.00	\$73.00	\$82.25	\$91.50
\$100,000	\$10.00	\$19.25	\$29.00	\$38.50	\$48.00	\$57.75	\$67.50	\$77.00	\$86.50	\$96.00

## CAN YOU TAKE A STEP?

- The first thing we do to embrace sacrificial giving is to pray. Reflect on what God has given you and thank God for these blessings.
- Figure out what percentage of your income you give in the offertory collection.
- Increase your donation by 1/2 or 1 percent and commit to giving that amount for the next year.
- If you feel strong about your commitment, whether you take a step or not, fill out and turn in the "Annual Financial Commitment" on the other side of this page.
- Continue this process yearly until you work yourself up to 5%.

### Here are some Scriptural references about stewardship to reflect on:

Deuteronomy 14:22, 29 - "Each year you shall tithe all the produce that grows in the fields you have sown. . . so that the Lord, your God, may bless you in all that you undertake."

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17 - ". . . No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you."

Proverbs 3:9-10 - "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all you produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow."

Proverbs 11:25 - ". . . He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Mark 12:44 - "They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Luke 6:38 - "Give and it shall be given to you. . . For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

Luke 12:34, 48 - "Wherever your treasure lies, there will your heart be. . . When much has been given a man, much will be required of him."

Acts 2:44-45 - ". . . Those who believed shared all things in common; they would sell their property and goods, dividing everything on the basis of each one's need."

Romans 12:6 - "We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us."

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 - "Men should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. . . Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful to his gifts."

2 Corinthians 9:7 - ". . . Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. . ."

1 Peter 4:10 - ". . . As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received."