Growing in Holiness, Living as Stewards

What first comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship?”

Created in God's Image, Called to Holiness
Humans in the image and likeness of God

The transparency through whom God is seen

Collaborators with God in the continuing task of creation

Through baptism, we are drawn into Christ’s Body
Into a life of discipleship

JESUS AS THE ULTIMATE STEWARD

“Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship as he is of every other aspect of Christian life; and in Jesus’ teaching and life self-emptying is fundamental.”

(SDR, 19)
Welcome!

Poll: Does your parish encourage people to embrace stewardship as a way of life (not only a call to give financially)?

Let’s Focus

Poll: Does your parish teach stewardship year round?

Welcome!

Mature disciples

Make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.
change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life.

It means committing one’s very self to the Lord.

Beginning in conversion,

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.

Our Shared Mission

To draw people to Christ through our parish communities, leading them to live as disciples and stewards.
How does stewardship help us get there?

- Gratitude
- Gift
- Generosity
- Faith
- Trust
- Living the Eucharist

"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that The Lord has given us; but rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

Pope Francis, April 24, 2013

What helps you the most to grow as a steward?
Consistent On-going call to conversion, giving, contributing to mission
Stewardship throughout the year

Best Practices

Time, Talent and Treasure
Highlight impact on giver and receiver

Best Practices

Clergy and Laity (example: Regional Stewardship Conference)
Conferences and Special Days (Example: Bridges day today)
Build on Proven Practices
Opportunities to learn, grow and share
Engagement and Strengths Development

Best Practices

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Creates a climate in which people are more likely to hear the message of stewardship

“Belonging leads to believing!”

Touches people in their daily lives

Makes the parish “home.”

As Christian stewards, we

Receive God’s gifts gratefully

Cultivate them responsibly

Share them lovingly in justice with others

Return them with increase to the Lord

Community

1. A group helping each other

Questions, Wonders, Observations?