



## ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### *Offertory*

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



### *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including seminarians, ministries, parishes, and schools.



### *Ministry Support*

Specifically supports our largest ministries, especially the Merciful HELP Center.



### *Second Collections*

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



### *Community Charities*

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

# GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

## *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 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 the electronic giving system
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish, 4 percent to charities that serve the greater community, and 1 percent to the diocese.

*"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 SIDE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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# MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

## 1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME

<b>My income</b>	\$ _____
<b>My spouse's income</b>	\$ _____
<b>Other income</b>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

## 2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE

<b>Tithing (10%)</b>	_____ %
<i>or</i>	
<b>Other</b>	_____ %

## 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 \$ _____
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL	
Annual \$ _____	
SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____
Church in Africa	\$ _____
Haiti Sister Parish	\$ _____
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ _____
Membership in the Propagation of the Faith	\$ _____
Merciful HELP Center	\$ _____
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____
The Church in Central and Eastern Europe	\$ _____
World Mission Sunday	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING	
<b>AMOUNT: \$ _____</b>	

### GIVING EXAMPLE

#### 1. Calculate annual gross income:

My income	\$45,000
Spouse's income	\$10,000
Other income	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

#### 2. Determine annual percentage to give:

3% OR 10%

#### 3. Calculate annual giving amount:

\$60,000	\$60,000
x 3%	x 10%
<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

#### 4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

\$1,800	Parish offertory	\$6,000
x 50%		x 50%
<b>\$900</b>		<b>\$3,000</b>
\$900	Weekly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 52		÷ 52
<b>\$17.3</b>		<b>\$57.7</b>
	OR	
\$900	Monthly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 12		÷ 12
<b>\$75</b>		<b>\$250</b>
\$20	Annual second collections (20)	\$50
x 20		x 20
<b>\$400</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>
\$200	Annual Catholic Appeal	\$600
OTHER CHARITIES		
\$75	Grade school fundraiser	\$300
\$75	High school fundraiser	\$300
\$40	Charity 1	\$225
\$30	Charity 2	\$175
\$80	Parish Capital Campaign	\$400
<b>\$300</b>	<b>OTHER TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>