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.

“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%): ____________________
   - Other: ____________________

3. **CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:**
   \[
   \text{Total Annual Gross Family Income} \times \text{Annual Giving Percentage} = \text{Annual Dollar Giving Amount}
   \]
   - $__________________ \times \text{___________}\% = $__________________

4. **DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:**

   **OFFERTORY**
   - Weekly: $_________ (or) Monthly: $_________ (or) 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:** $__________________

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**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:
   \[
   \text{Total Annual Gross Family Income} \times \text{Annual Giving Percentage} = \text{Annual Dollar Giving Amount}
   \]
   - $60,000 \times 10\% = $6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:
   - Annual parish offertory: $6,000 (50% of total giving) \times 50\% = $3,000
   - Weekly offertory: $3,000 \div 52 = $57.60
   - Monthly offertory: $3,000 \div 12 = $250
   - Annual Diocesan Appeal: $1,000
   - Parish Capital Campaign: $1,000
   - Annual second collections: $25 \times 14 = $350
   - Grade school fundraiser: $100
   - Catholic Charities: $150
   - Charity 1: $200
   - Charity 2: $200
   - OTHER TOTALS: $650
   - TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING: $6,000