

How to Implement the *My Catholic Giving Guide* in Your Parish

The *My Catholic Giving Guide* is a tool to help parishioners plan their annual giving as they intentionally make Stewardship a Way of Life. The tool helps families budget and make sacrifices gifts of treasure according to their personal circumstances. Please share this form with parishioners to help them understand giving of their first fruits more clearly.

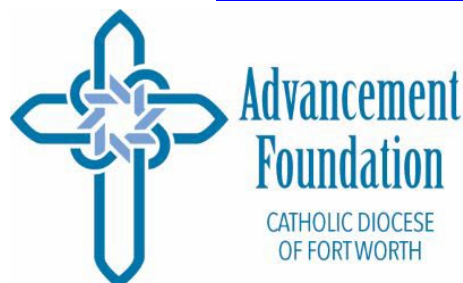


Suggested uses

Note: it is always preferable to explain the *My Catholic Giving Guide* than to distribute it by itself

- Insert in the bulletin on the last weekend in December and the first weekend in January.
- Use in conjunction with a pastor talk or homily on tithing and the spirituality of giving.
- Email the form out to all parishioners at the end of the year so they have time to make their new year resolutions and start the year off on the right foot.
- Post on the parish website and in social media.
- Use in newcomer packets and newcomer orientation events.
- Maintain a supply in brochure racks in the church and office.
- Teach it as part of marriage preparation classes, young adult and young married ministries and money management classes, such as "Financial Peace University," "Crown" or "7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free: A Catholic Guide to Managing Money."
- Have Finance Councils and Stewardship Committee members review the guide (to complete themselves) and to brainstorm unique and creative ways to encourage families to look at their giving on an annual basis.
- Distribute at Ministry Fairs.
- Promote increased offertory or online giving in conjunction with promoting the *My Catholic Giving Guide*

If you have additional questions, suggestions or success stories that we may pass along to other parishes, or, if you need other Stewardship Resources, please contact **Renée Underwood, CFRE**, Chief Development Officer, 817-533-7242 or runderwood@adv-fdn.org or **Rachel Martinez, CFRE**, Director of Annual Giving and Grants, 817-382-4939 or rmartinez@adv-fdn.org.



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