



STEWARDSHIP

GIVING GENEROUSLY

Catholic Stewardship
in Action:
A Guide to Tithing

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ~2 Cor 9:6-7

When creating and maintaining a household budget, plan your charitable giving annually. Consider using automated online giving giving weekly to your parish and monthly to the diocese. Remember the words of Mother Teresa, *"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."*

Understand that tithing literally means to give 10% of your income. Suggested amounts: 5% to the local parish and 5% to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

My Catholic Giving Guide Worksheet

1. Calculate Annual Gross Family Income

My Income \$ _____
 Spouse's income \$ _____
 Other income \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

2. Determine Annual Percentage to Give

Tithing (10%) _____ %
 Or Other _____ %

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 Monthly Annually \$ _____

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL Monthly Annually \$ _____

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Annually \$ _____

ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

* 100% of the money stays in our diocese

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Priest Care Fund* \$ _____

Church in Latin America (CLA) \$ _____

Black and Indian Missions \$ _____

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) \$ _____

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$ _____

Seminarian Formation Fund*
 Good Shepherd Sunday \$ _____

Catholic Communication Campaign** \$ _____

Annual Collection for the Holy Father
 Peter's Pence \$ _____

Catholic University of America \$ _____

Catholic Charities Fort Worth* \$ _____

World Mission Sunday
 Propagation of Faith \$ _____

National Collection for Retired Religious \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES \$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

\$ _____

Annual Giving Opportunities



OFFERTORY

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



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Supports many ministries, parishes and schools in our Diocese.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Supports the priorities of the Pope and bishops through specific global and local ministries.



PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



COMMUNITY CHARITIES

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations about which you are passionate.



Give Now

What you give	Minimum donation required	How you can fund your gift	Why you might choose this giving method	What you need to do to make your gift	How this gift benefits you
Cash	No minimum	Check, credit card, electronic fund transfer (EFT)	Quickly and easily support the parish and its ministries	Send a check, make a secure gift online or set up an EFT from your bank account	Your gift is tax-deductible
Securities	No minimum	Publicly held stocks, bonds, mutual funds	Avoid capital gains tax	Transfer your securities. Check advancementfoundation.org for complete details.	Your gift is tax-deductible and allows you to avoid capital gains tax
Real estate	Contact us	Home, oil and gas interests, vacation or commercial property, land	Improve your cash flow by not paying real estate taxes, maintenance and insurance	Donate your real estate	Your gift is tax-deductible, allows you to avoid capital gains tax and removes the burdens of property ownership
Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA	No minimum	Individual retirement account (IRA) or other qualified retirement account	Make a tax friendly gift from your IRA	Ask your IRA custodian to distribute up to \$105,000 a year (<i>you must be 70½ or older</i>)	Your gift reduces your taxable income and may count toward your required minimum distribution
Donor-advised fund	No minimum	Donor-advised fund	Enjoy centralized giving and recordkeeping	Make a gift from your donor-advised fund. We can help you establish one.	Your gift is tax-deductible

Give Later

What you give	Minimum donation required	How you can fund your gift	Why you might choose this giving method	What you need to do to make your gift	How this gift benefits you
Gift in your will or trust	No minimum	Cash, securities, real estate	Remain in control of your assets during your lifetime	Name the parish or foundation as a beneficiary in your will	Your gift qualifies for an estate tax deduction and is revocable
Beneficiary Designations	No minimum	Retirement assets – IRA, 401(k), similar plan, or bank, investment or other financial accounts	Avoid being taxed twice on retirement assets	Name the parish or foundation as a beneficiary	Passes outside of probate and your estate receives a charitable deduction
Life insurance	No minimum	Life insurance policy	Original purpose for your policy no longer applies	Name the parish or foundation as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy or transfer ownership	Your gift has income tax advantages that vary depending on how and when you donate your policy
Testamentary charitable remainder trust	Contact us	Retirement assets, cash, securities, real estate after your lifetime	Pass assets to your beneficiaries using regular payments after your lifetime	Include a charitable trust in your will or living trust. You will pay your beneficiaries for a term of years or life and the parish or the foundation will receive the remainder	Your gift offers estate tax deductions, payments to beneficiaries for life or a term of years and is revocable during your lifetime
Endowment Fund	\$10,000 to name a new fund, no minimum to donate to existing fund	Cash, appreciated assets, QCD	Support the work of the church perpetually	Contact us to set up an endowment agreement.	Carries out your desires both during and after your lifetime

Give and Receive

What you give	Minimum donation required	How you can fund your gift	Why you might choose this giving method	What you need to do to make your gift	How this gift benefits you
Charitable gift annuity	\$10,000	Cash, securities, IRA (contact us for special rules about IRAs)	Make a gift and, in exchange, receive guaranteed life-time income from the Advancement Foundation	Fund a gift annuity with cash or securities and receive fixed payments for life, and the parish or the foundation will receive the remainder	Your gift is partially tax-deductible and offers capital gains tax advantages, fixed payments for life (a portion tax-free) and attractive rates
Deferred charitable gift annuity	\$10,000	Cash, securities	Receive fixed payments for life beginning at a later date determined by you	Fund a gift annuity with cash or securities and receive fixed payments for life, and the parish or the foundation will receive the remainder	Your gift is partially tax-deductible and offers capital gains tax advantages, fixed payments for life (a portion tax-free) and attractive rates
Charitable remainder trust	Contact us	Cash, securities, real estate	Make a gift and get an immediate tax deduction, control the investment of the assets and receive income for a set number of years or the rest of your life, with the parish or foundation receiving the remainder	Fund a trust by transferring cash or appreciated property for the trust to sell and receive payments for a set number of years or life, and the parish or the foundation will receive the remainder	Your gift is partially tax-deductible and offers estate tax deductions, capital gains tax advantages, and payments for a set number of years or life (a portion tax-free) at attractive rates
Charitable lead trust	Contact us	Cash, securities, real estate	Support the mission of the parish now and provide for your loved ones in the future	Fund the trust with cash or property to make gifts to the parish or the foundation for a set number of years, and your family will receive the remainder	Your gift offers income, estate or gift tax deductions
Retained life estate	Based on appraised amount	Real estate	Give a gift of real estate but maintain use during your lifetime	Give your property to the foundation but retain the right to use the property during your or a beneficiary's lifetime	Your gift has income and estate tax advantages and gives you lifetime use of property