



STEWARDSHIP

GIVING GENEROUSLY

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 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.



Offertory

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

CATHOLIC *stewardship* IN ACTION

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.

*"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%) _____ %
 (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 \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____ Annual \$ _____

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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 \$ _____

* 100% of the money stays in our diocese

** 50% of the money stays in our diocese

OTHER CHARITIES

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

AMOUNT: \$ _____



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:

\$60,000
 x 10%
 \$6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

Annual parish offertory \$6,000
 (50% of total giving) x 50%
 \$3,000

Weekly offertory \$3,000
 ÷ 52
 \$57.60

OR

Monthly offertory \$3,000
 ÷ 12
 \$250

Annual Diocesan Appeal \$1,000

Parish Capital Campaign \$1,000

Annual second collections \$25
 x 14
 \$350

OTHER CHARITIES

Grade school fundraiser \$100
 Catholic Charities \$150
 Charity 1 \$200
 Charity 2 \$200

OTHER TOTALS \$650

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$6,000