

# Catholic Giving Guide

## How to Implement

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

### Suggested uses:

- Insert in the bulletin on the last weekend in December and the first weekend in January
  - Align this 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
  - Note: it is better to explain the Catholic Giving Guide than to distribute it by itself
- 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 and Stewardship Councils 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
- Promote online giving in conjunction with this



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 **Wendy Collins**, director of stewardship and parish relations, Advancement Foundation Supporting the Diocese of Fort Worth, 817-533-3178, [wcollins@adv-fdn.org](mailto:wcollins@adv-fdn.org); [www.advancementfoundation.org](http://www.advancementfoundation.org).