

MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

While there is no obligation to tithe, offering 10% of our gross income is a worthy goal. Many Catholics give 5% to the parish, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to other charities.

However, the commonly accepted definition of proportional giving is a gradual move toward biblical tithing. Stewards are asked to begin by calculating the current giving percentage, then to make a conscious decision to increase in small increments.

This is the "Take-A-Step" approach.

In prayerful thanksgiving for my many blessings from God, this is my/our financial commitment.

\$ _____ *Parish*

\$ _____ *Diocese*

\$ _____ *Other charities*

Your commitment is not a contract with the parish; it is between you and the Lord.

MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF TIME & TALENT

I am interested in serving the parish by participating in the following areas:

- Altar Server (Adult - Daily Mass)
- Altar Server (Youth grades 4-12)
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Choir Member
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion
- Holy Hour
- Hospitality
- Lector
- Mother's Group
- Nursing Home Ministry
- Prime Time Seniors
- R.C.I.A.
- Religious Education Teacher/Catechist
- Sacristan
- Separated & Divorced Catholics
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Usher
- Youth Ministry

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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An Invitation to Commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure



You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.

- St. Therese of Lisieux

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Making Your Commitments

“It is important to put intentions down in writing. Writing it down changes you because it forces you to think through your priorities deeply, carefully, and to align your behavior with your beliefs.”

- Dr. Steven Covey

[Seven Habits of Highly Effective People](#)

Stewardship is a way of participating in the mission of the Church and a way of bringing God into the center of our lives.

As stewards, we view our resources of time, talent and treasure as gifts from God. We nurture these gifts and use them wisely.

Stewards make a planned, intentional, proportionate commitment of their gifts to the Lord. This is how we fulfill our responsibilities and show our thanks for all that God does for us. Stewardship is based on conversion and commitment.

*For everything is from You
and we only give You
what we have received from You.*

1 Chronicles 29:14

Your Gifts of Time and Talent

Our gifts of time and talent are uniquely our own. Some of our talents may be reflected in the skills we use for our livelihoods; in our work as teachers, accountants, laborers or administrators. Or, we may discover our talents in the things we do for enjoyment, cooking, knitting, gardening, or simply socializing and being a good listener.

Whatever our talents, as Christian stewards we are called to share our unique selves in service to God and neighbor.

So we though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them.

Romans 12:5-6

Likewise, our time—that irreplaceable commodity that is given to us by God—is to be spent in prayer, with family, and in serving the mission of the Church.

A life of Christian stewardship requires more than writing a check; it involves sharing our time and talents for the good of all.

Use the reverse side of this panel to make your commitment of time and talent.

Your Gift of Treasure

The call to stewardship of our treasure is the greatest challenge. We are asked to give of our “first fruits” in an expression of gratitude to the Lord.

For many of us, this is the most difficult. Giving of our financial resources entails trusting that our gift will not diminish our own security. It challenges us to take a stand in living out our priorities and to testify to our beliefs in the mission and vision of the Church.

Stewardship of treasure is putting a face on the parish budget and seeing it as the many ministries and services, including worship, sacramental life, and pastoral care.

Use the reverse side of this panel to make your commitment of treasure to the Lord.

*Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits
of all your produce;
then will your barns be filled
with grain,
with new wine
your vats will overflow.*

Proverbs 3:9-10