



# STEWARDSHIP

*giving generously*

## A Guide to Stewardship Giving

We are called to be generous with all our gifts, including our treasure.  
Our Catholic Faith teaches us this through the Scriptures.

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

We are called to give of our first fruits in gratitude. We must examine what we have been given and determine a plan so we can do our part to share what God has given us with others.

### Best Practices

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving
- Use your parish's electronic offering system
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10% 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.

## ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### Annual Catholic Appeal

Supports many ministries, parishes and schools in our Diocese.



### Parish Offertory

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



### Second Collections

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



### Specific Ministries

Giving to specific ministries at your parish and within your community reflects God's love.

Use the worksheet on the back 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

### Giving To Your Parish

Sunday Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building and Maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religious Ed / School \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Collections \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Shared Diocesan Ministries

Annual Catholic Appeal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Catholic Charities Appeal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Villa Vianney \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Catholic Cemeteries \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Queen of Peace Retreat Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### The Catholic Foundation of West Tennessee

Seminarian Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Retired Priests \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Diaconate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Giving To Other Organizations

Please consider organizations that have touched your family and fill a crucial need

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Giving Example

#### 1. Calculate annual gross income

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| My income          | \$45,000        |
| My spouse's income | \$10,000        |
| Other income       | \$5,000         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$60,000</b> |

#### 2. Determine annual percentage to give

3% OR 10%

#### 3. Calculate annual giving amount

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| x 3%     | x 10%    |
| -----    | -----    |
| \$1,800  | \$6,000  |

#### 4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| \$1,800 | \$6,000 |
| x 50%   | x 50%   |
| -----   | -----   |
| \$900   | \$3,000 |

### SHARED DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

|       |                           |         |
|-------|---------------------------|---------|
| \$400 | Annual Catholic Appeal    | \$1,000 |
| \$200 | Catholic Charities Appeal | \$800   |
| \$150 | Seminarian Ed             | \$500   |
| \$50  | Other                     | \$200   |

\$100 Other Organizations \$500

**\$1,800 TOTALS \$6,000**

How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? (Psalm 116:12)