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Dear Parishioner,

Let the little children come to me . . . the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Mark 10:14

We are children of God! We are called to be trusting, filled with wonder, joyful, innocent, and gifted. God wants us to live free from worry, free from anxiety. He wants to care for us and to provide for us. But we must become like little children. Once we make the choice to trust completely in God, prayer, gratitude, humility, generosity and joy flow naturally. This is a stewardship heart.

I am inviting everyone in our parish to recommit to a life of faithful, joyful stewardship. If you are tempted to just dip your toe into the water, you won't experience a completely refreshing feeling. You have to jump in with both feet. Dive in! Become immersed in God's love. Acknowledge that you are a child of God, and then live and give back. When we use our gifts in the way God intends, we experience true joy!

Please make note of the following dates for our 2018 Stewardship Renewal Season:

- 9/22 & 9/23 Stewardship Awareness Sunday with stewardship homily
- 9/29 & 9/30 Stewardship Lay Witness Speaker
- 10/13 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Grass and Fall Festival
- 10/20 & 10/21 Covenant Card Weekend – return your card at Mass

As you think about how you share your gifts of time, talent and treasure to continue the mission of our parish, I invite you to use the enclosed materials and the My Catholic Giving Guide on the back of this letter to renew your stewardship commitment. Over the next month, please spend some time in prayer and reflection as individuals and as families discerning how you might be involved in our parish community this year. During this time, ask God in what ways He wants you and your family to grow in giving through prayer, participation, and generosity. After a time of prayer, each family member is encouraged to fill out and then return the enclosed Stewardship Covenant Card at Mass. Your response is a sign of your desire to grow as a joyful child of God.

Thank you for all your past generosity. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to inspire us to build up His Kingdom in our Parish.

Joyfully and gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony R. Yates
Pastor

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

TEAR OUT AND KEEP 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 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

BEYOND SUNDAY or PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT

Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal \$ _____
 Annual Seminary Collection \$ _____
 Black & Indian Missions \$ _____
 Campaign for Human Development \$ _____
 Catholic Communications Campaign \$ _____
 Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ _____
 Catholic Relief Services \$ _____
 Catholic University of America \$ _____
 Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ _____
 Formation of Permanent Deacons \$ _____
 Glennon Sunday \$ _____
 Holy Land \$ _____
 Latin America Apostolate \$ _____
 Peter's Pence (for the Pope) \$ _____
 Regina Cleri \$ _____
 Respect Life Apostolate \$ _____
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$ _____
 St. Louis Review Subscription \$ _____
 St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ _____
 World Mission Sunday \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

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:

3% OR 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:

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

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

\$1,800	Parish offertory	\$6,000
x 50%		x 50%
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\$900		\$3,000

\$900	Weekly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 52		÷ 52
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\$17.3		\$57.7

OR

\$900	Monthly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 12		÷ 12
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\$75		\$250

\$20	Annual second collections (20)	\$50
x 20		x 20
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\$400		\$1,000

\$200	Annual Catholic Appeal	\$600
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OTHER CHARITIES

\$75	Grade school fundraiser	\$300
\$75	High school fundraiser	\$300
\$50	Charity 1	\$250
\$40	Charity 2	\$200
\$60	Beyond Sunday Capital Campaign	\$350
\$300	OTHER TOTALS	\$1,400