

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

*Stewardship is a way of life that recognizes and receives God's gifts with gratitude, cultivates them responsibly, shares them generously and sacrificially with others, and stands before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.*

The Catholic Church offers to every member the benefits of Mass and the Sacraments, numerous opportunities for private devotion, prayer groups, and public liturgy, and a variety of parish ministries such as sacramental preparation, faith formation, and service to those in need.

Because of the combined stewardship of all the parishes, many more services are made available through the Diocese to all, among them: the Spiritual Life Center, Catholic Charities, The Catholic Advance, youth ministry, the marriage tribunal, Marriage and Engaged Encounter, Guadalupe Clinic, the Lord's Diner, Newman Centers, the education of seminarians, and support for the initiatives of our Holy Father and our United States Bishops.

Discipleship calls us to more than membership; it calls us to an active stewardship. To support all these ministries, we need your active stewardship in this parish. Stewardship is an act of belonging and involvement. It is an act of recognizing God's providence to us and our obligation to manage it wisely. It is using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to accomplish God's work.

What does stewardship ask of parish members?

- ✠ Make a commitment to practice stewardship as a way of life.
- ✠ Participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, ideally in your parish.
- ✠ Practice the faith in the workplace, the home, the classroom, and in civic life.
- ✠ Support and cooperate with the religious education programs of the parish: adult faith formation, Catholic school, PSR, sacramental preparation, RCIA, etc.
- ✠ Participate in parish ministries, activities, and organizations through your contribution of time and talent.
- ✠ Support the ministries of the Catholic Church by pledging and tithing sacrificially to the parish (with a goal of 8% of family income to the parish and 2% to other charities of your choice).

#### PARISHIONERS

I acknowledge that all that I have is a gift from God, and that I must be a good steward through my example and my actions. I ask the support of my parish in nurturing my faith as I strive to live a stewardship way of life. I pledge my cooperation with the parish and its ministries, and, if I have children, I will make every effort to supervise their commitment as well.

<i>parishioner name</i>	<i>signature</i>
<i>parishioner name (spouse)</i>	<i>signature</i>

On behalf of the parish community, I gratefully accept your commitment to the stewardship way of life. I acknowledge the parish's obligation to nurture you and your family in the practice of the Catholic faith day by day so that together we may build the Kingdom of God on earth and spend eternity with God in heaven.

<i>Pastor's signature</i>	<i>date</i>
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