



## STEWARDSHIP

*A disciple's response*

### A GUIDE TO GIVING FINANCIALLY IN STEWARDSHIP

**God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through Scripture:**

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits..."*

*Proverbs 3:9*

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"*

*Psalms 116:12*

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given to each of us.

### BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your giving annually
- Use your parish's electronic offering (if applicable)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent 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.

*We don't give because we have an abundance of resources and can afford it; we give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude.*

**USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING**

## Annual Giving Opportunities



### Offertory

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



### Bishop's Annual Appeal

Supports the immediate mission of the local Church.



### Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



### Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

# MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

## 1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My income	\$ _____
My spouse's income	\$ _____
Other income	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## 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:

PARISH OFFERTORY	
Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____	Annual \$ _____
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT	
Church in Latin America	\$ _____
Aid to Church in Central Eastern Europe	\$ _____
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$ _____
Black and Indian Home Missions	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____
Holy Land Collection	\$ _____
Diaconate Anniversary Celebration	\$ _____
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ _____
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ _____
Catholic Charities	\$ _____
Seminary Collection	\$ _____
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ _____
Infirm Priests	\$ _____
Diocesan Bicentennial Year	\$ _____
The Catholic University of America	\$ _____
Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith)	\$ _____
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ _____
Campaign for Human Development	\$ _____
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____
COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

GIVING EXAMPLES		
<b>1. Calculate annual gross family income:</b>		
My income		\$45,000
Spouse's income		\$10,000
Other income		\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>2. Determine annual percentage to give:</b>		
3%	- OR -	10%
<b>3. Calculate annual dollar giving amount:</b>		
\$60,000		\$60,000
x 3%		x 10%
<b>\$1,800</b>	- OR -	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>4. Determine amount for each giving opportunity:</b>		
\$1,800	<i>50% of annual giving</i>	\$6,000
x 50%	<i>to Parish Offertory:</i>	x 50%
<b>\$900</b>	→→      ←←	<b>\$3,000</b>
	↓                  ↓	
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 52	>> <i>Weekly</i> <<	÷ 52
\$17.30		\$57.70
	↓ - OR - ↓	
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 12	>> <i>Monthly</i> <<	÷ 12
\$75.00		\$250.00
\$20	<i>Second Collections</i>	\$50
x 20	<i>(for 20 weeks)</i>	x 20
<b>\$400</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>\$200</b>	<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	<b>\$600</b>
<i>Other Charities</i>		
\$200	<i>School Fundraiser</i>	\$800
\$60	<i>Charity 1</i>	\$350
\$40	<i>Charity 2</i>	\$250
<b>\$300</b>		<b>\$1,400</b>
<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>