



# STEWARDSHIP

## GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

### *My Catholic Giving Guide*

#### A GUIDE TO GIVING IN STEWARDSHIP

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

*"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?" (Psalm 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. Rather than placing a last-minute donation into the collection basket based on what is left in our wallets, having a giving plan can help us better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

#### BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
  - Plan your giving annually
- Use St. Veronica's electronic giving platform, Parish Soft
- 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.

#### ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



##### *Offertory*

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



##### *Annual Catholic Appeal*

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



##### *Second Collections*

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



##### *Parish Campaigns*

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



##### *Community Charities*

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

*"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE BACK PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

# MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

TEAR OUT AND KEEP WORKSHEET

## 1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 My spouse's income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PARISH SPECIAL PROJECTS & CAMPAIGNS

Annual \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER COLLECTIONS / EASTER / CHRISTMAS

Social Concerns & Pantry \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Poor and Needy (Poor Box) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed Sr Celine Scholarship Fund (Poor Box) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Catholic Relief Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Land (Good Friday) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Home Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rice Bowls (during Lent) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Diocesan Infirm & Retired Priest Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic University \$ \_\_\_\_\_

World Mission Sunday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Support for the Religious Retirement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Military Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Day Collections: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Feast of the Assumption \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Saints Day \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Souls \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Immaculate Conception \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Solemnity of Mary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ash Wednesday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Thursday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Easter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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%  
 \$ 1,800 \$ 6,000

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

\$1,800 \$6,000  
 x 50% Parish Offertory x 50%  
 \$ 900 \$3,000  
 \$ 900 \$3,000  
 ÷ 52 ÷ 52  
 \$17.30 Offertory \$57.70

OR

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

\$ 20 \$ 50  
 x 20 Annual Second x 20  
 \$400 Collections (20) \$1,000

\$200 Annual Catholic Appeal \$ 600

### OTHER GIVING

\$80 EASTER \$ 300  
 \$80 CHRISTMAS \$ 300  
 \$50 Poor & Needy \$ 250  
 \$30 Blessed Celine Scholarship \$ 200  
 \$60 Special Projects Collection \$ 350  
 \$300 OTHER TOTALS \$1,400