



HOW CAN THE PARISH HELP FOSTER STEWARDSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Over the next six months we will share how various parish roles can help foster stewardship for children and youth. It is in teaching that we learn the best. Let us be open to sharing the message of Stewardship as a way of life.

ROLE OF THE PCL

Director of Religious Education and Staff

The parish PCL is responsible for the entire Religious Education program, which includes the element of stewardship in the curriculum. The religious education staff can foster stewardship in a number of ways:

- Provide education opportunities on stewardship for the children and youth. Help the children understand the meaning of stewardship and the role that it has in their own lives.
- Provide education and training to parents so that they are able to share the gift of their Catholic faith with their children.
- Work with parish staff to implement a stewardship focus in all areas of parish life.
- Model good stewardship of parish religious education resources.



Reuse
Recycle
Share

- Foster connections with neighboring parishes, especially through the deanery structure to enhance networking in the area of stewardship.
- Provide opportunities for families to work together as good stewards of time and talent.
- Change the language of “service hours” to stewardship language. For example: “Time spent giving as a steward of time, Time spent giving as a steward of talent, Time spent giving as a steward of Treasure.” The term “service hours” tends to denote a require-

ment for the completion of a course of study. Use of stewardship language will place service in a spiritual context of gratitude to God for all he has given.

- Identify and establish a stewardship focus person for the Religious Education program. This might be a catechist who would also serve on the sub-committee for children’s and youth stewardship, or a person who would serve as a liaison between the religious education staff and the diocesan stewardship director. This person would be responsible for providing updated resources for the rest of the catechists.
- Respect and incorporate the talents and gifts of all cultural traditions. Celebrate the blest cultural diversity found in our country by recognizing and affirming the gifts of all nationalities and ethnic groups.

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CAN WE USE WORDS OTHER THAN ‘TIME’, ‘TALENT’ & ‘TREASURE’?

Absolutely! Another common phrase for stewardship is the giving of Prayer (Time), Service (Talent) and Sharing (Treasure).

Time, talent and treasure is a fun play on words but the true definition of what is given is lost. It’s easy to think you have no “treasure” and therefore have nothing to give. Think of how this translates to teaching stewardship to children. They hear treasure and think of a pirates treasure chest. Instead they should be thinking of the parable of the old woman and her last two coins. The smallest gift, if given from the heart is treasure enough for God. Besides children learn how to share earlier than they learn

about money. This is another way to introduce stewardship at a young ages.

Children today are not known for their service to others. School programs and classes are requiring less out of school activities and more in school testing. Church is becoming the only place a child learns how to serve. Unless they minister as altar servers, children will only learn service in the CCE classrooms. PCLs and teachers are creating better world citizens by teaching stewardship of service (talent) by encouraging kids to give of themselves.

And last but not never least, stewardship of prayer. As our own Sr. Jane in the youth office often prays “May the children of the world learn to pray to God and listen to God through prayer”. Prayer is more than asking for a need or a want. Prayer is a daily conversation with God. Prayer is opening our hearts to God asking him to use us as disciples to do his work.

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE: Think of stewardship as **Prayer, Service and Sharing** (instead of Time, Talent and Treasure). Pray and meditate on this concept for your own personal journey. How can I be a steward who prays? How can I be a steward who serves? How can I be a steward who shares? Be a steward of sharing by introducing these new ideas to your family, your par-

YOUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN



Whether your parish is large or small or in an urban, or rural setting this FREE webinar will describe the basic steps of developing a strategic plan,. The main emphasis involves a real-life case study in the Diocese of Bridgeport CT, and how information is the basis on which good decisions are made.

Deacon Bill Koniers serves as a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, as well as President of CathoNet, LLC. He is considered an innovative change agent in the U.S. Catholic Church and speaks at various industry conferences relating to best practices around cloud technology and church management.

The Department of Stewardship and Development is offering this FREE 60 minute webinar Tuesday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Each webinar is normally \$59.00 per parish (*that's over \$400 a year*) But the Office of Stewardship and Development has paid your way! This webinar series is **FREE TO YOU**. Please take advantage of the investment we have made in your parish. These esteemed presenters provide quality education at costs much larger than this.

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Upcoming Webinars

- O**
- C** **Hospitality as a Key to Stewardship**
October 10 - 1:00 p.m.
- T**
- N**
- O** **Best Practices in Parish Stewardship**
November 11 - 1:00 p.m.
- V**
- D**
- E** **Social Media in 15 Minutes a Day**
December 9 - 1:00 p.m.
- C**



Price

\$129.00 USD per registrant

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You will receive an e-mail confirmation from Tracy Stewart with the link you will use to join the webinar.

SAVE THIS E-MAIL. Your parish can watch the webinar from the same computer, or you can register on different computers and watch in the comfort of your own office or home!

All 2014 webinars will be the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Set aside this date and time for the benefit of your parish and personal stewardship journey.

Did you miss last month's webinar? Watch recording here: <http://bit.ly/1408RecordedSpiritualityofStewardship>

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