



### 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 an actual plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves you frustrated. Having a plan, you can better do your part to share the gifts God has given you.

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#### BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
  - Plan your charitable giving annually
- Use your parish’s online giving options (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.

#### ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



##### **Offertory**

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



##### **Diocesan Catholic Appeal**

Supports many ministries, parishes and schools in our Diocese.



##### **Second Collections**

Supports the priorities of the Pope and bishops through specific global and local ministries.



##### **Special Parish Project**

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



##### **Community Charities**

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations about which you are passionate.

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“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

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#### USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE REVERSE SIDE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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# MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

### SPECIAL PARISH PROJECT

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

### NATIONAL & DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Mission Collection*	\$ _____
Catholic Education Appeal*	\$ _____
Catholic Charities	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl	\$ _____
Black and Indian Missions	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$ _____
Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	\$ _____
Catholic Communication Campaign*	\$ _____
Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)	\$ _____
Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ _____
Latin America	\$ _____
Diocesan Military Ordinariate	\$ _____
Diocesan Retreat Centers (Christian Renewal Center & Mercy Center)*	\$ _____
World Mission Sunday (Propagation of Faith)	\$ _____
Seminarian-Vocation Collection*	\$ _____
Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)	\$ _____
National Collection for Retired Religious	\$ _____

\* 100% of the money stays in our diocese

### OTHER CHARITIES

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
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### TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

**AMOUNT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



### GIVING EXAMPLE

#### 1. Calculate annual gross income:

My income	\$45,000
Spouse's income	\$10,000
Other income	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

#### 2. Determine annual percentage to give: 10%

#### 3. Calculate annual giving amount:

\$60,000
x 10%
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\$6,000

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

Annual parish offertory	\$6,000
(50% of total giving)	x 50%
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	\$3,000

Weekly offertory	\$3,000
	÷ 52
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	\$57.70

OR

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

Diocesan Catholic Appeal	\$1,000
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Special Parish Project	\$1,000
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Annual second collections (17)	\$25
	x 17
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	\$425

#### OTHER CHARITIES

Youth Group fundraiser	\$75
Parish Jamacia	\$100
Charity #1	\$200
Charity #2	\$200

OTHER TOTALS	\$575
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<b>TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
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