

**Planned Giving Tip**  
**May 2007**  
**End of Fiscal Year Giving**

June 30 marks the end of the 06/07 fiscal year for parishes and schools in the Rockford Diocese. Normally “end-of-year” giving is done in November or December by donors as they prepare to do their taxes. Most do not think of their favorite charities’ fiscal year end but may be interested in helping balance the budget if given the opportunity.

It might be a good idea to inform the parish that the fiscal year is ending soon and that an “extra” gift in June would go a long way to helping the parish reach its financial target. The following is a message that could be placed in the parish bulletin (or read during the announcements) throughout the month of June:

“June 30 marks the end of the parish’s fiscal year. Through your generosity, stewardship and sacrifice we have received in the Sunday offertory \$\_\_\_\_\_, as of May 31, 2007 which is \_\_\_% toward our goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_. We take this goal very seriously.

We make this announcement in an effort to be accountable and transparent regarding the financial status of the parish. Knowing that we depend on your commitment to the mission of this parish, we respectfully ask that, if possible, you make an extra contribution in June to the parish so that we meet this targeted goal and begin the new fiscal year on a high financial note.

Thank you for all that you do with your time, talent and treasure to make St. \_\_\_\_\_ the wonderful parish that it is. May God bless you and your family this summer and always.”

**Keep planting seeds!**