

# Parish Stewardship Update

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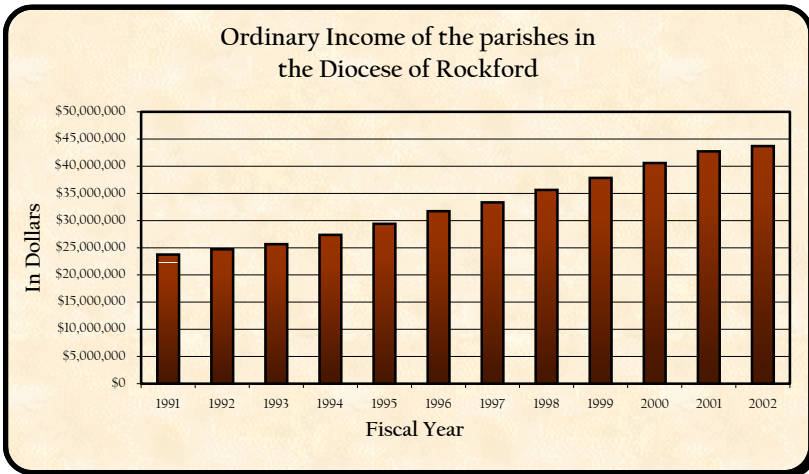
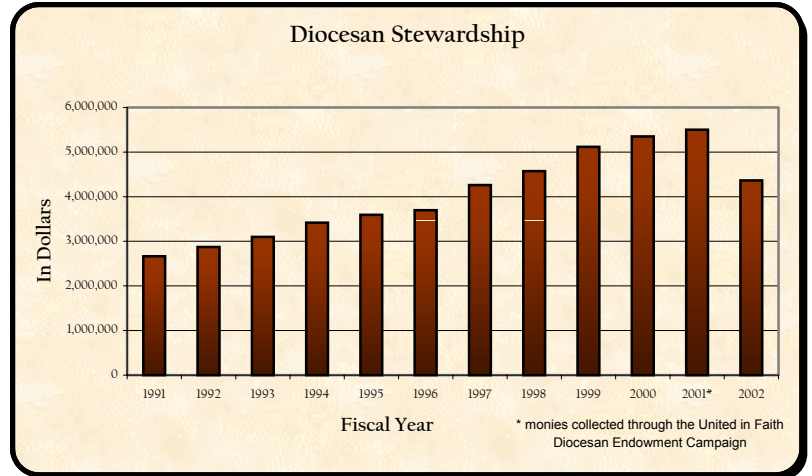
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### It's Worth the Effort Organized Stewardship

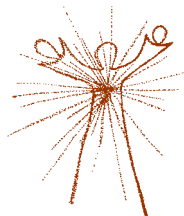


Diocesan  
 Stewardship

Back in 1988, David Hougan was introduced as the Director of the Office of Development for the Diocese of Rockford. Since 1988, Dave's hard work and vision of stewardship has transformed the Office of Stewardship Development into an



asset for the diocese, it's parishes and schools, and many other organizations and individuals. The office has focussed on Diocesan Stewardship,

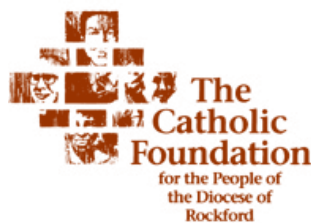


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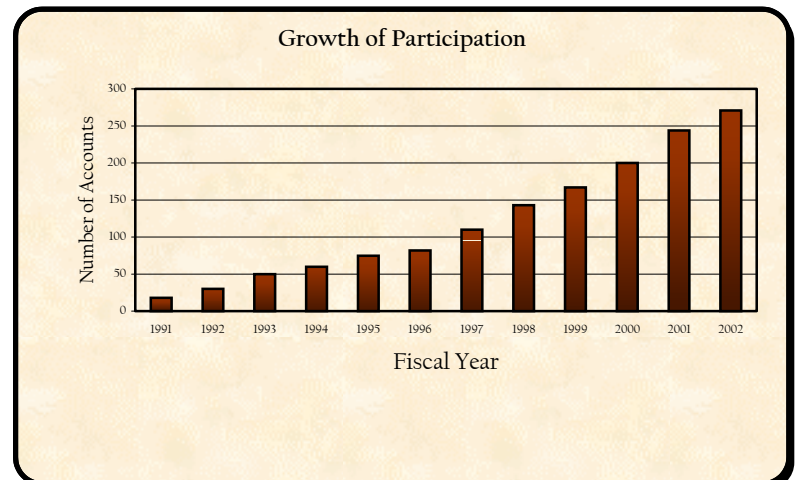
Parish Stewardship, and Planned Giving and The Catholic Foundation. In reviewing the numerical results in these areas we can begin to appreciate the value of following a planned and

organized effort to present stewardship to the people of the Diocese of Rockford.

Won't you join us in our efforts to assist your parish or organization?



Planned Giving



## Good Stewardship ...

We often hear wonderful stories of people helping other people and relate the stories through this newsletter. Many times we focus on stories within our Diocese and parishes and schools of our own. Often, however, we realize that many of our parishes and schools are helping others outside our Diocese in order to make their stewardship efforts move into the regional, national and international arena. This month we have a note from one of our school principals. During the school year we highlighted Archbishop Romero School in Aurora and the stewardship efforts they were participating in and receiving. The following quote discusses good stewardship from parishes in a neighboring diocese.

*"In addition to the financial support received from our friends in the Rockford Diocese, the school has been the grateful recipient of the stewardship efforts of two parishes from the Joliet Diocese. Contributions from parishioners of St. Margaret Mary parish in Naperville provided financial aid for 12 families, underwrote the transportation cost of a field trip to the Oriental Institute, and bought 1500 new books for our library. Additionally, volunteers from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville built new shelves and walls, and catalogued all the books in our new library. And, of course, I must mention how much the students and teachers appreciate the time and efforts of our faithful volunteer teacher, Dr. Donald Cronauer, who is responsible for our computer lab."*

It only takes a few good stewards to make a large difference. How are you living out your stewardship call?

# In The Spirit Of Giving...

## 2003 International Catholic Stewardship Conference

October 5 – 8  
In Chicago



This conference gives priests, parish leaders and diocesan leaders an opportunity to listen, learn, and communicate the basic experiences of living as disciples. There are general sessions and breakout sessions in seven tracks designed to offer some practical and theological insights for everyone who attends.

The tracks are:

- ✓ Beginning Parish Stewardship
- ✓ Advanced Parish Stewardship
- ✓ Stewardship Elective
- ✓ Diocesan Stewardship & Development
- ✓ Diocesan Director Forum
- ✓ General Elective
- ✓ Spanish – El Nivel en Espanol

Please contact our office to have a copy of the registration form mailed.

The deadline for the Early Bird Registration discounted fee of \$475 through our office is quickly approaching. We need your information by July 11, 2003 to process it in time.

