

Parish Stewardship Update

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Bulletin Education

How can you teach the simple message

St. Rita of Cascia Parish in Aurora used the following "Stewardship Pop Quiz" in their bulletin. What other forms of simple educational information have you used?

STEWARDSHIP POP QUIZ

- 1 When I hear the word *stewardship*, I think of

A) Sharing	B) Money
C) Duty	D) Nothing

- 2 When I volunteer to serve on a committee, I am

A) Steward	B) Disciple
C) Evangelizer	D) Helper

- 3 When I am careful about using water, electricity, or gasoline, I am

A) Practicing Stewardship	B) Thoughtful
C) Frugal	D) Old

- 4 When I give back to God generously for all He has given to me, I am

A) Foolish	B) Blind
C) Borrowing his tools	D) Returning his tools

- 5 Stewardship is a

A) Way of Life	B) For non-Catholics
C) Lost cause	D) Dumb

- 6 When I practice stewardship it is because

A) My neighbor does it	B) I am embarrassed not to
C) I return God's love and abundant gifts in thanksgiving	

Answers in next week's bulletin

SAMPLE STEWARDSHIP PLANNING BUDGET

Time & Talent		Treasure		
God*	_____ hrs	Gross Income = \$ _____		
Work	_____ hrs	Item	%	Amount
Sleep	_____ hrs	Mortgage	_____ %	\$ _____
Recreation	_____ hrs	Taxes	_____ %	\$ _____
TV	_____ hrs	Household	_____ %	\$ _____
Other 1	_____ hrs	Savings	_____ %	\$ _____
Other 2	_____ hrs	Recreation	_____ %	\$ _____
Total per week	168 hrs	God*	_____ %	\$ _____
		Total	100 %	\$ _____

* prayer, Mass, volunteering

* Is this where God belongs?

Good Stewardship ...

In The Spirit Of Giving...

A friend recently told me a story about his parents. They were getting a little older and had some health issues that were slowing them down. They also had a home where the basement flooded. His siblings had helped out with the clean up but it was going slowly due to the years of accumulated treasures. When he had his opportunity to help there was still a lot to do.

After spending some time with his parents, and not feeling like much was accomplished, he returned home. To his surprise, his parents called his wife and gratefully told her how much they appreciated the help.

He told me that he knew his parents had said the same thing to his siblings and that he learned a valuable stewardship lesson. No matter how small the gift, be it a smile, a "hello", or a half-hour visit, a response filled with genuine gratitude allows the giver to become the one who receives.

Have you shared your gifts with others?

There is still time to register for the International

Catholic Stewardship Conference to be held in Chicago from October 5-8. Please contact the Office of Stewardship Development for additional information.

"When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food, and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies with yourself."

Tecumseh (1768 – 1813)
Shawnee Chief

13 Ideas for Christian Service in Ordinary Time

First seen in the Diocese of Green Bay
Crozier Times

Talk to People By Name

Pray Together

Smile

Listen Well

Visit the Sick

Pick Up Trash in the Park

Apologize When You've Done Something Wrong

Help a Neighbor

Play a Game Together

Think Big

Do the Dishes Without Being Asked

Let Others Tell You How They Feel

Meet Friends