



## 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.

#### 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.

“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

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE REVERSE SIDE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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#### 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.

# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diocean Military Ordinariate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diocean 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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

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



### GIVING EXAMPLE

#### 1. Calculate annual gross income:

My income \$45,000  
 Spouse's income \$10,000  
 Other income \$5,000  
 Total \$60,000

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

#### 3. Calculate annual giving amount:

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

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

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

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

OR

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

Diocesan Catholic Appeal \$1,000

Parish Endowment Fund \$1,000

Annual second collections (17) \$25  
 x 17  
 \$425

#### OTHER CHARITIES

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

OTHER TOTALS \$575

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$6,000