



Stewardship of TREASURE

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Stewardship of treasure involves reflecting on one’s financial resources and prayerfully deciding to give a generous, proportionate, and sacrificial gift for the ministry of the parish, the diocese and other charities. This gift is from the “first fruits of our labor” rather than from what is left over after our needs are met.

Such a gift is an act of faith, an act of stewardship.

Parishioners in the Diocese of Wichita strive to commit 8% of one’s income to the parish and 2% to other charities. If this goal cannot be realized now, it is encouraged to begin at some percentage and to prayerfully reexamine it each year. Here is how it works:

Earning \$500 a week, would look like:

Earning \$4,000 a month, would look like:

\$500 x .08 (8%) = \$40 a week to my parish

\$4,000 x .08 (8%) = \$320 a month to my parish

\$500 x .02 (2%) = \$10 a week to other charities

\$4,000 x .02 (2%) = \$80 a month to other charities

\$ _____ (weekly or monthly income) x _____ (%) [8% is .08; 7% is .07, etc.]
= \$ _____ (amount to be given)

I/WE PLEDGE TO GIVE:

\$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Every 2 Weeks \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Other

THIS GIFT REPRESENTS AN:

Increase No Change First Year to Contribute

SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____ / ____ / ____

NAME (Please print.) _____ PARISH ENVELOPE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

- I/We am interested in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), please contact me.
- I/We have remembered our parish or other diocesan ministry in my/our will.
- Please send information about naming our parish or other diocesan ministry in my/our will.

Where your gift of treasure is used:

90% of every dollar you contribute remains in your parish serving our mission and needs.

10% of every dollar you contribute is tithed to the wider church. Just as families make a generous, sacrificial, and proportionate gift, so does our parish.

▶ **HOW IS THIS 10% USED BY THE DIOCESE OF WICHITA?**

- To support all of the ministries of the diocese, e.g., Catholic Charities, Office of Communications, Ecumenical Relations, Hispanic Ministry, Office of Faith Formation, Office of Marriage/Family Life, Office of Respect Life/Social Justice, Spiritual Life Retreat Center, Office of Stewardship, Tribunal, Office of Vocations, Office of Worship.
- To educate our seminarians
- To supplement the retirement needs of our priests

▶ **JUST AS OUR PARISH TITHES TO THE DIOCESE, THE DIOCESE TITHES TO THE WIDER UNIVERSAL CHURCH:**

- No second collections because the Diocese tithes 10% of her income to the wider church, funding ministries such as: Peter's Pence, World Mission, Catholic Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Society of the Propagation of the Faith, National Retirement Fund for Religious, The Holy Land upkeep, the Church in Latin America, Catholic University, Catholic Communications Campaign.

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