



STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

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 a plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
 - Plan your giving annually
 - Use your parish’s electronic offering (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.



Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish’s mission and ministries.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Parish Capital Campaign

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

“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 FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

TEAR OUT AND KEEP 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 \$ _____

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT

Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal \$ _____
 Annual Seminary Collection \$ _____
 Black & Indian Missions \$ _____
 Campaign for Human Development \$ _____
 Catholic Communications Campaign \$ _____
 Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ _____
 Catholic Relief Services \$ _____
 Catholic University of America \$ _____
 Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ _____
 Formation of Permanent Deacons \$ _____
 Glennon Sunday \$ _____
 Holy Land \$ _____
 Latin America Apostolate \$ _____
 Peter's Pence (for the Pope) \$ _____
 Regina Cleri \$ _____
 Respect Life Apostolate \$ _____
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$ _____
 St. Louis Review Subscription \$ _____
 St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ _____
 World Mission Sunday \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

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:

3% OR 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:

\$60,000	\$60,000
x 3%	x 10%
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\$1,800	\$6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

\$1,800	Parish offertory	\$6,000
x 50%		x 50%
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\$900		\$3,000

\$900	Weekly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 52		÷ 52
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\$17.3		\$57.7

OR

\$900	Monthly offertory	\$3,000
÷ 12		÷ 12
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\$75		\$250

\$20	Annual second collections (20)	\$50
x 20		x 20
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\$400		\$1,000

\$200	Annual Catholic Appeal	\$600
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OTHER CHARITIES

\$75	Grade school fundraiser	\$300
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\$75	High school fundraiser	\$300
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\$40	Charity 1	\$225
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\$30	Charity 2	\$175
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\$80	Parish Capital Campaign	\$400
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\$300	OTHER TOTALS	\$1,400
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