



Our Lady of HOPE

May 2, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

As we embark on this blessed season of renewal, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant and generous community that defines our parish. It is your faith, devotion, and willingness to serve that breathes life into Our Lady of Hope parish and allows it to flourish.

Stewardship is more than just a call to share our financial resources; it is a holistic way of life. It invites us to recognize everything we have as gifts from God and to respond in gratitude by sharing those gifts with others. This call to stewardship encompasses our time, talents, and treasure.

- Time:** Your presence at Mass, participation in parish activities, and daily prayers are invaluable. We encourage you to continue dedicating time to nurture your relationship with God.
- Talent:** Everyone is blessed with talents and skills. Whether it is singing in the choir, teaching religious education, helping with maintenance, or offering administrative support, please consider how you can use your God-given abilities to serve our parish and our community.
- Treasure:** Financial support is essential to sustain our parish's operations and outreach programs. As we renew our stewardship commitments, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our parish financially.

Stewardship, at its core, is an expression of our faith and gratitude for the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us. This understanding of stewardship is not a one-time event, but an ongoing commitment requiring reflection and renewal.

Why is stewardship an annual process?

- **Continuous Growth in Faith:** Each year, we are called to deepen our relationship with God and grow in our understanding of His will for us. The annual stewardship renewal allows us to reassess our commitments and align them with our faith and values.
- **Responding to Changing Needs:** The needs of our parish and community are dynamic. By renewing our stewardship commitments annually, we can adapt to new challenges and opportunities.
- **Encouraging Personal Reflection:** The process of annual renewal encourages each of us to reflect on our blessings and how we can best use them to serve others.
- **Strengthening Community Bonds:** Stewardship is not just about individual contributions; it is about building a strong, united parish and community. The annual renewal process brings us together as a parish family committed to our common mission.
- **Ensuring Financial Stability:** Financial contributions are essential for operations and sustaining our parish. Communicating your financial commitments each year allows the parish to plan and budget effectively, to support our programs, maintain our facilities, and provide for the needy.

As we embark on this annual journey of stewardship renewal, I invite each of you to open your hearts to God's call. Enclosed is the 2025 Commitment Card. Please complete and return it by **May 19, 2025**. Let us embrace this opportunity to renew our dedication to living as faithful stewards, sharing our gifts with joy and generosity.

Yours in Christ,


Father Paul Ferguson
Pastor