

Prayer for Stewardship

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share in our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.



TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

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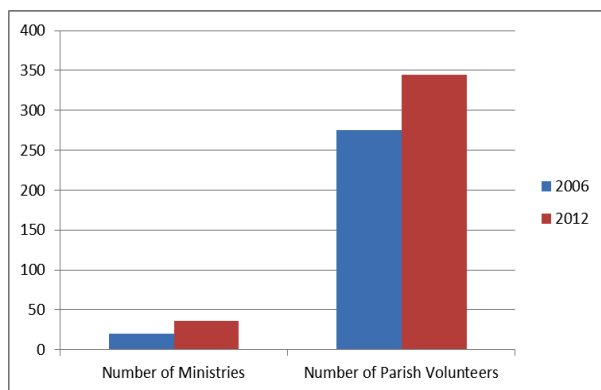


EMBRACE STEWARDSHIP IN YOUR PARISH

Stewardship yields results...

A small parish in the northern part of the state began their stewardship journey in 2006. At that time, the parish had approximately 130 volunteers. After the first parish Ministry Fair in 2007, over 200 new members came forward indicating an interest in sharing their God-given gifts of time and talent. Of this total, 70 parishioners agreed to participate in a parish ministry for the first time. Today, the number of parish volunteers totals 345 with 36 current parish ministries.

Results:



Just a short distance from Providence, another parish embraced stewardship as a way of life in 2009. The parish is currently enjoying a revival of parish life and ministry. Since implementing stewardship, this parish has seen a dramatic increase in the number of new parishioners. It should also be noted that this community of faith has experienced a growth in spirituality which can only be attributed to parishioners responding to the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Results:

YEAR	ORDINARY INCOME	VOLUNTEERS
2010	\$539,571	447
2011	\$551,074	492
2012	\$568,054	502

Everything you need is just a click away...

We invite you and members of your parish Stewardship Committee to visit our new and improved website at www.providencediocese.org. Upon a review, you will notice that our website contains a variety of informative and helpful resource materials. In addition to brochures and newsletters, you will also be able to download a number of comprehensive guides focusing on various aspects of stewardship.

Some of the available parish resource guides include:

- A Guide for the Stewardship Lay Witness Presenter
- A Guide for Planning and Organizing Your Ministry Fair
- A Guide for Your Annual Stewardship Renewal
- A Guide for Implementing Stewardship of Treasure
- A Guide for Pastors of Stewardship Parishes
- A Guide for Introducing Stewardship to Children
- A Guide for Parishes Developing Stewardship as a Way of Life
- A Guide for a Stewardship Implementation Action Plan
- A Guide for a Two Year Cycle of Stewardship Prayers
- A Guide for 100 Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrate Stewardship!

While visiting our website, we invite you to watch our award-winning stewardship video entitled, *“Celebrating Parish Stewardship.”*

Interested? Click on the link entitled, “Your Parish Journey.” It is here where you will find information about how the Stewardship & Development Office can assist you and your lay leadership with implementing stewardship in your parish. Through a series of meetings, a representative from our office will meet with your Stewardship Committee to begin the education process.

Contact the Office of Stewardship & Development
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