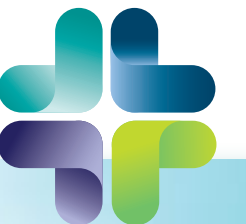


Parish Leaders September, 2018



GRATEFUL DISCIPLES

Our Focus for Today

Spiritual Focus:

Committing ourselves to live
as disciples and grow as
good stewards

Operational Focus:

Commit to annual renewal





Today's agenda

Report Back: sharing your spiritual reflection

Commit to Annual Renewal

Looking ahead

The Vision that Guides Us

To draw people to
Christ
through our parish
communities,
leading them to
live as disciples
and stewards.



Report Back: Spiritual Reflections

“ In what ways have you experienced the stewardship of others this summer? How have you acted or grown as a steward? ”





Six Steps to Forming Grateful Disciples as Stewards in Community





Commit to Annual Renewal

On-going Rhythm within the Liturgical Year

Commitment to Christ and the Church
Personal and Communal Reflection
Invite Participation in Ministry

Spiritual Renewal — brings faith to life






Creating a Year-Long Plan



Month/Season	Autumn Renewal/Commitment
Advent/ Christmas	Generosity, Welcome (many visitors coming soon!)
January	Making things new (pastoral letter reflection at all parish meetings and in open gatherings)
Lent	Sacrifice, Call-Response
Easter	Joy of giving, evangelization and mission
Pentecost	The Holy Spirit strengthens us to embrace stewardship (meaning and purpose and our need to give)
September	Discipleship and Stewardship, including gifts discernment Gifts and commitment discernment Ministry fair/expo Lay witness
October	Annual Renewal/Commitment
November	Gratitude, Family

Learning from the Experience of Others



Include faith reflection and invitation to “take a step”
Connect stewardship to all of life, not only the parish
Follow-up is essential
Samples on your web page



Step Five

Commit to Annual Renewal

- A spiritual process with practical implications
 - Connect life with faith
 - Time, Talent, Treasure +
- Transforms individuals and the community

Your Homework

Spiritual Focus: What commitment have you made to Christ and the Church? In what way may you be called to grow or stretch?

Operational Focus: Compile your discussion notes to date.

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gratitude