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. Through intentional giving, 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 our electronic offering (lourdenver.org/give)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give at least 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs, Catholic charities, and apostolates.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Classical School seeks to make Catholic Classical education affordable for every family. Join us at the annual Saints & Scholars Gala March 2, 2019 or donate to the school!

Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal

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

Other Charitable Opportunities

We recommend you support the mission of Catholic organizations, whose apostolate may include serving the poor, evangelization, or pro-life causes.

E.g. FOCUS, Catholic Charities.
### MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

**FILL 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:**

   **CHURCH OFFERING**
   - Weekly $__________ (or) Monthly $__________ Annual $__________

   **A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**
   - Annual $____________________

   **OUR LADY LOURDES CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL**
   - Annual $____________________

   **SECOND COLLECTIONS/MINISTRY SUPPORT**
   - Archbshop’s Catholic Appeal: $________________
   - **COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS**
     - $________________
     - $________________
     - $________________
     - $________________
     - $________________

   **TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING AMOUNT:** $________________

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“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

- 2 Corinthians 8:9

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**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:
   - **5% OR 10%**

3. Calculate annual giving amount:
   - **Tithing (10%)**
     - $60,000 x 10% = $6,000
   - **Church offering**
     - $3,000 x 50% = $1,500
     - $1,500 ÷ 52 = $28.8 per week
     - $28.8 x 52 = $1,500
     - **Weekly offering**
     - $3,000 ÷ 52 = $57.7 per week
     - $57.7 x 52 = $3,000
     - **Monthly offering**
     - $3,000 ÷ 12 = $250
     - $250 x 12 = $3,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:
   - **Capital Campaign**
     - $x
   - **Lourdes Catholic Classical**
     - $0
   - **Other Charities**
     - $x

**TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING**

- **Capital Campaign**
  - $0

- **Lourdes Catholic Classical**
  - $0

- **Other Charities**
  - $x

**$3,000 TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING $6,000**