



STEWARDSHIP AS OUR WAY OF LIFE
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Spiritual growth and renewal are a continuing part of the life of any Christian. They are also vital to the life of our parish. An important aspect of this spiritual growth is embodied in the principle of Stewardship. Through stewardship, we thank God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure he has given to us.

During the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about stewardship. You will be asked to reflect on three areas of stewardship and how they are lived out in your life. Among the important questions are:

- **Time.** What difference can you make in the life of another by being a good steward of your time?
- **Talent.** As a sign of your love of God and others, how will you commit to being a good steward of your talent(s)?
- **Treasure.** What difference can you make in the life of another by being a good steward of earthly treasure?

Next week you will be receiving the *Epiphany Parish and Stewardship Resource Directory* in the mail. Please read through this booklet and see if you might be called to share your time and talent with one or more of the ministries we offer at Epiphany. Our Ministry Fair and Open House will be held November 5 & 6. This Ministry Fair is an opportunity to meet with many of our parish leaders and find out where your time and talents might be shared with our community. We will also offer tours of our entire campus as well as provide food and refreshments.

During the next several weeks, I encourage you and members of your household to devote some time together in prayer about your relationship with the Lord and the importance of being good stewards of the gifts God has so generously given. The enclosed brochure will help you understand the true meaning of stewardship. Whether you make a commitment for the first time or change your previous commitment this is your chance to make a difference. Renewal of our commitment is as important as doing so for the first time. Don't miss a chance to pray and show your gratitude in proportion to your gifts.

This year, commitment Sunday will be the weekend of November 12th and 13th. We encourage you to bring your written stewardship pledge of time, talent and treasure, new or renewed, to the altar during the Mass you attend.

In Christ's name,

Fr. Jack Costello
Rector