

## Cover Letter for Second Total Parish Mailing

[Date]

Dear [salutation],

“Give and it shall be given to you... For the measure  
you measure with will be measured back to you”

- Luke 6: 38

In the letter and brochure you received last week, I asked you to reflect on the many blessings you have received and consider this as a time for personal renewal in your relationship with the Lord. I asked you to think about stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and how you and/or your family might make a new commitment to giving.

**Your Time** - For many of us, time is our most precious commodity. The demands of work, school, community, parish, and family are overwhelming at times. Occasionally, when we feel out of control, we must get off the merry-go-round and rethink what life is all about. We must seek to balance our time against what we know we must do. I would hope that you consider reexamining your priorities to give more of your time to our parish and the larger community.

**Your Talent** - Everyone of us is talented in some way. It may be in music, art, writing, organizing, planning, driving a car, supervising a project, and even making other people laugh. Our parish provides each and every one of you with an opportunity to use the specific talents you have been given. I hope you will consider committing a greater share of your talents to our parish and community.

**Your Treasure** - Your financial support is a major reason why we are able to continue to provide our religious, educational, and social ministries. The primary source of our parish's financial support is the weekly offertory collection. Stewardship of treasure involves committing an intentional and regular portion of our income to our church and our community. I hope you will consider committing a proportionate and sacrificial percentage of your annual income to our parish.

This weekend at all Masses, you will hear from me and from [name/names of lay witnesses] who will talk about their personal experiences with stewardship as a way of life. Next week, I will ask you to make your commitment of your time, talent, and treasure to your parish. Then, all of us will be asked to offer our commitment cards to the Lord at the altar [or in the offertory collection]. It will be an impactful day for all of us in the parish as we continue to build a community of faith and family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Pastor's Signature*

[Pastor's Name]