

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE 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:

PARISH OFFERTORY	
Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____	Annual \$ _____
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT	
Church in Latin America	\$ _____
Aid to Church in Central Eastern Europe	\$ _____
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$ _____
Black and Indian Home Missions	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____
Holy Land Collection	\$ _____
Diaconate Anniversary Celebration	\$ _____
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ _____
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ _____
Catholic Charities	\$ _____
Seminary Collection	\$ _____
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ _____
Infirm Priests	\$ _____
Diocesan Bicentennial Year	\$ _____
The Catholic University of America	\$ _____
Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith)	\$ _____
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ _____
Campaign for Human Development	\$ _____
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____
COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING	\$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLES		
1. Calculate annual gross family income:		
My income		\$45,000
Spouse's income		\$10,000
Other income		\$5,000
Total		\$60,000
2. Determine annual percentage to give:		
3%	- OR -	10%
3. Calculate annual dollar giving amount:		
\$60,000		\$60,000
x 3%		x 10%
\$1,800	- OR -	\$6,000
4. Determine amount for each giving opportunity:		
\$1,800	<i>50% of annual giving</i>	\$6,000
x 50%	<i>to Parish Offertory:</i>	x 50%
\$900	→→ ←←	\$3,000
	↓ ↓	
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 52	>> <i>Weekly</i> <<	÷ 52
\$17.30		\$57.70
	↓ - OR - ↓	
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 12	>> <i>Monthly</i> <<	÷ 12
\$75.00		\$250.00
\$20	<i>Second Collections</i>	\$50
x 20	<i>(for 20 weeks)</i>	x 20
\$400		\$1,000
\$200	<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	\$600
Other Charities		
\$200	<i>School Fundraiser</i>	\$800
\$60	<i>Charity 1</i>	\$350
\$40	<i>Charity 2</i>	\$250
\$300		\$1,400
\$1,800	TOTAL	\$6,000



STEWARDSHIP

A disciple's response

A GUIDE TO GIVING FINANCIALLY IN STEWARDSHIP

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through Scripture:

"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?"

Psalms 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. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given to each of us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your giving annually
- Use your parish's electronic offering (if applicable)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

We don't give because we have an abundance of resources and can afford it; we give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude.

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

Annual Giving Opportunities



Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly, or yearly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Supports the immediate mission of the local Church.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.