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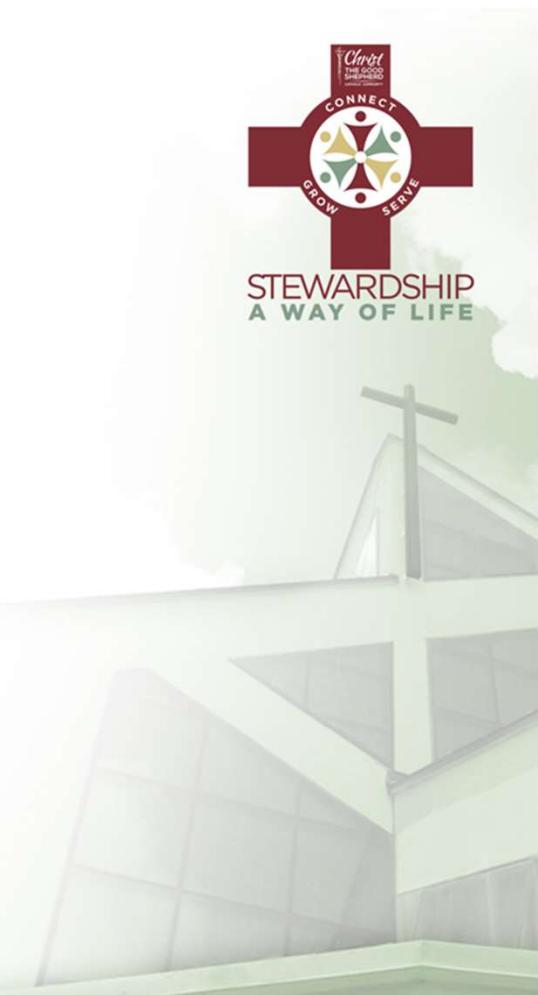
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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as you my god have reached out to me.



CGS Mission and Vision

- Our mission as a Roman Catholic community is to proclaim the teachings of Jesus Christ as declared in the scriptures and shown in the sacred tradition of the church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to know, love, and serve God and our neighbors.
- Vision: Build a community of love and hope by putting our faith into action.



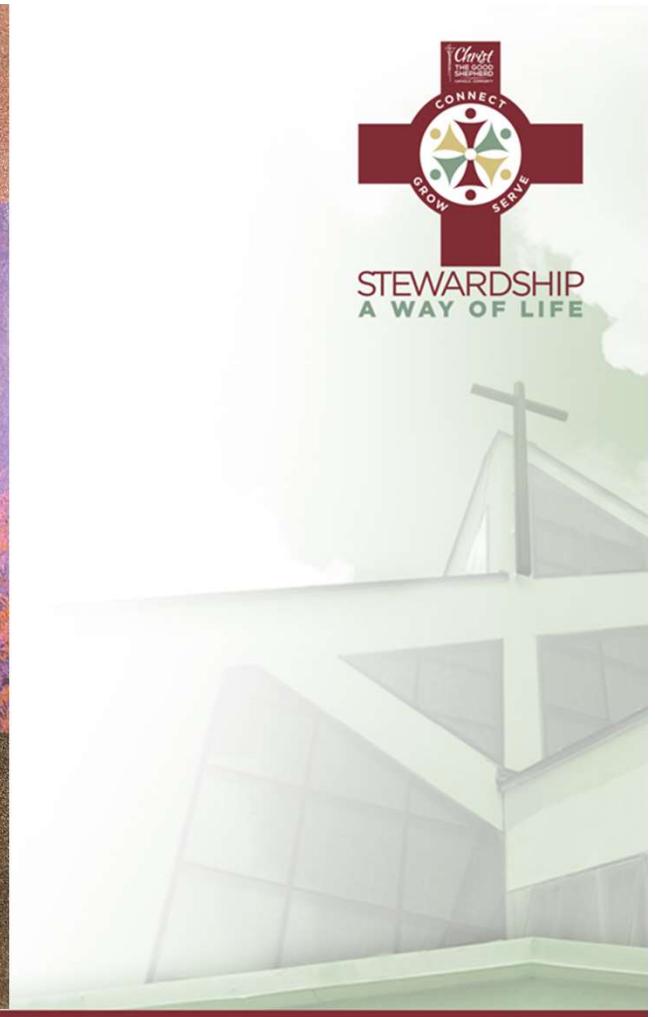
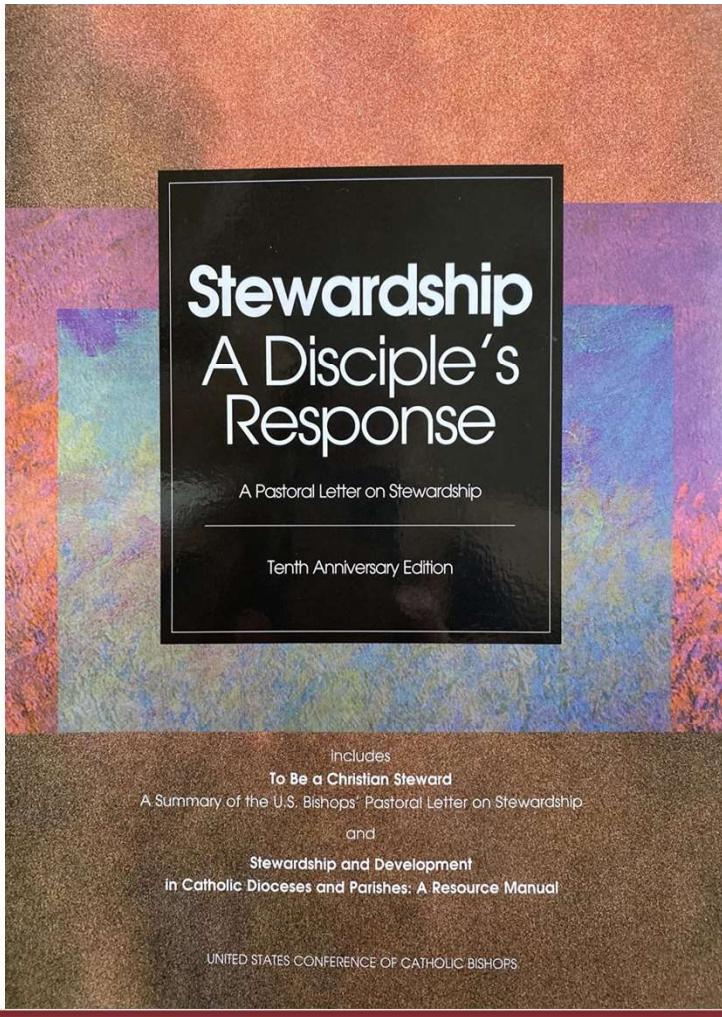
Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Session 1



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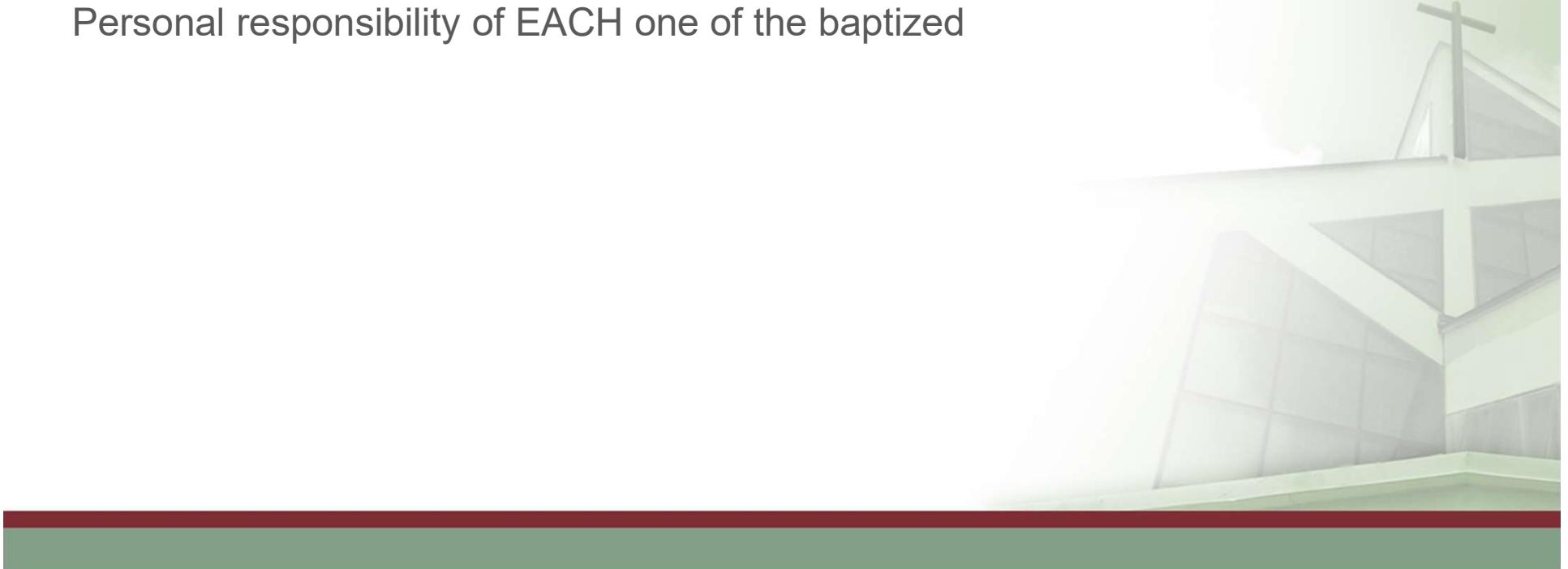
Stewardship

An expression of discipleship with the power to change our lives

Personal responsibility of EACH one of the baptized



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Discipleship

- Living the way God wants us to live
- Surrendering of one's will completely to the will of God
- Following Christ as a willing student and companion
- Knowing that all they have is a gift from God
- Accepting and assisting in the spreading the Word of God

3 Convictions of the Pastoral Letter

- Make a firm, conscious decision to change expressed through a complete way of life
- Begin in conversion, change of mind and heart- a commitment of one's very self to God
- Express their commitment through stewardship- living



Psalm 24:1



The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

The Plan of the Pastoral Letter

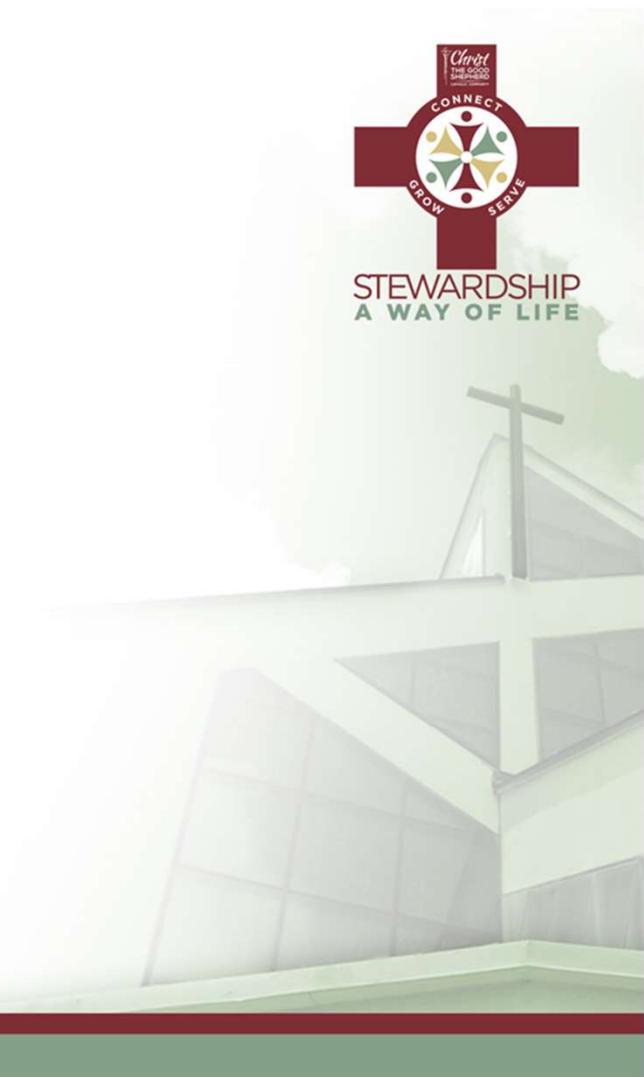
The Call

Jesus' Way

Living as a Steward

Steward's of the Church

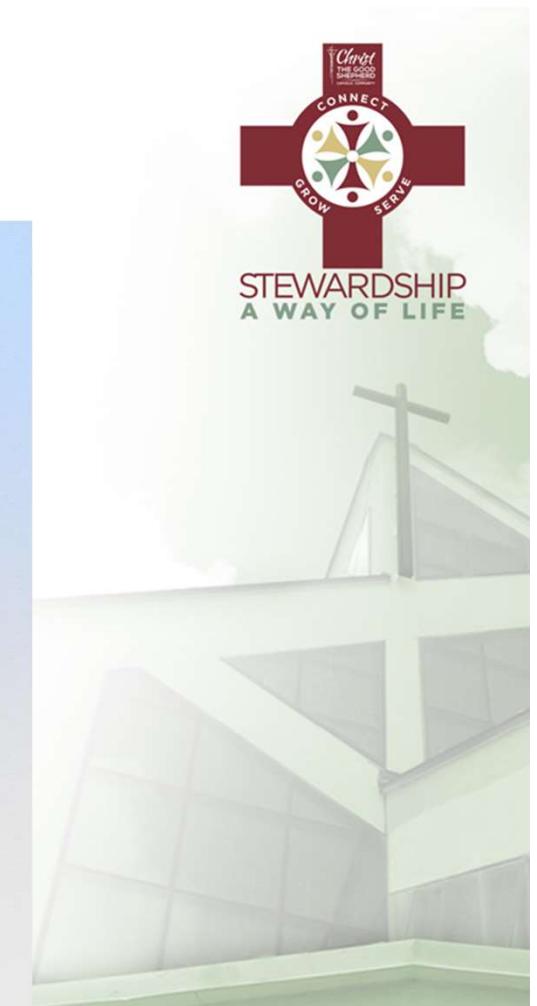
The Christian Steward



The Call



John the Baptist



To Be Summoned

Each is summoned as unique individuals, not as a faceless crowd



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Jesus Forms His Disciples



Matthew 10: 5-15

Mark 6: 7-13

Luke 9: 1-6



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Matthew 10:5-15

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, “Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. The laborer deserves his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave. As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you. Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet. Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.



Mark 6:7-13

He went around to the villages in the vicinity teaching.

He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



Luke 9:1-6

He summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal [the sick]. He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey,* neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet* in testimony against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Jesus' Call is URGENT

Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God...No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind ia fit for the Kingdom of God

Luke 9: 60, 62





Free Choice

- God never takes away free will.
- Every person, every disciple can say, No.
- Matthew 19:16-22



The Call to Stewardship

Discipleship and Stewardship are the fabric of Christian life in which each day is lived an intimate and personal relationship with God.

- Christ-centered way of living begins at Baptism.
- It is strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.
- Christians find their fullness in the Church through the Holy Eucharist.



Enter into the Community of the Church

Together, we Christians express the one mission of Christ: “to do God’s will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one’s sisters and brothers, to give life - life to the full - as Jesus did.”

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Following Jesus is the Work of a Lifetime

“Christians must be stewards of their personal vocations, for it is these that show how, according to the circumstances of their individual lives, God wants them to cherish and serve a broad range of interests and concerns: life and health, along with their own intellectual and spiritual well-being and that of others; material goods and resources; the natural environment...”

The Cost of Discipleship

Discipleship is privileged.

John 10:10

It is not the easy way.

Luke 9: 23-24



Reflection



I Corinthians 4: 1-2

Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.



James 2: 15-17

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



Luke 12: 42-44

And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute [the] food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property.



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- B. What human personal experience has reinforced your faith in the call you have received from Jesus?

Our Journey Continues... Building a Faith-Filled Future



Loving Father,
we ask you to bless our efforts to build a community pleasing to You,
as we worship with humble and contrite hearts.

Help us as our journey continues in Building a Faith-Filled Future
for our community.

We are called together by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
therefore, we rely on your constant guidance and help.

Grant us wisdom to know your will, so we may respond with generous hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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