



BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

*Fulfilling the Mission with
a Generous Heart*

BUILD MY KINGDOM

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to "build His kingdom on earth." We do our part by sharing the gifts God has given us. Of all the ways to be generous, giving money can be the most challenging — God understands this!

Remember, God has a plan for you, including your finances. Trust that He will provide for all that you need.

- Do you get overwhelmed in your family's busy lifestyle that occasionally you overlook giving back to God the gifts He has given you?
- Do you place your family's needs and desires before God's?
- Do you plan your financial commitments with God first in mind?

BEST PRACTICES

- Plan your giving annually.
- Use your parish's electronic offertory (if applicable).
- Tithing: Give 5% to your local parish and 5% to greater Church and secular charities.

PLANNED GIVING

- A planned gift provides future support for the ministries of the Diocese of Stockton made possible through your generosity.
- Are you ready to plan your will or trust?
- To request your FREE Estate Planning Guide, please visit us online at www.StocktonDioceseLegacy.org or call (209) 466-0636 for more information on Planned Giving.

*"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully.
Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Corinthians 9:6-7

ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



OFFERTORY

Supports local parish ministries



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Supports Diocesan ministries, parishes and schools



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Supports specific world-wide ministries



PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Supports parish projects

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE
FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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MY GIVING PLAN FOR 2026

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you - Luke 6:38

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1. MY GROSS FAMILY INCOME

My Income \$ _____
My Spouse's Income \$ _____
Other Income \$ _____
Total \$ _____

2. MY GIVING PERCENTAGE

☐ Tithing 10% ☐ Other _____%

Total annual gross family income x Giving percentage = Annual giving

\$ _____ X _____% = \$ _____

3. I PLAN TO GIVE TO:

MY PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly (52) \$ _____
(or)

Monthly (12) \$ _____

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One-Time Gift \$ _____
(or)

Monthly (8 payments) \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTION(S) FOR PARISH/DIOCESE

(example: Catholic Relief Services or Respect Life)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

OTHER COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

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:

10%

Calculate annual giving amount:

\$60,000 x 10% = \$6,000

3. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERTORY

52 x \$75 \$3,900

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Monthly (8) \$100 \$800

PARISH/DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Annual \$450

OTHER CHARITIES

Grade school fundraiser \$300

High school fundraiser \$300

Charity 1 \$250

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$6,000

PLEASE NOTE: All collection checks for the Bishop's Ministry Appeal should be made payable to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust. All other collection checks (except for Catholic Charities Sunday) should be made payable to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton.

Promotional Resources for parish collections are now available on line at the following link: www.nationalcollections.org.