

Steps to Creating or Maintaining a Stewardship Committee

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Agenda

I. Intro to Webinar

II. Thank you to GiveCentral!

III. Why a committee?

IV. What are the goals of the stewardship committee?

V. Who?

VI. How to create or sustain?

Thank you Give Central!

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Why do you...

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By Dave Nelson



HOW IS IT OUR CHURCH HAS MORE
COMMITTEES THAN MEMBERS?

What are the goals of a stewardship committee?

Ideally- freestanding committee that functions with the general responsibility of:

People

- Formation and Education
- Acknowledge time, talent and treasure
- Welcome and Engage

Capacity

- Provide administrative support
- Support ministries by increasing interest/volunteers
- Increase overall church giving through offertory

Content Messaging

- Create the Mission and Vision of stewardship
- Share inspirational stories of stewardship
- Create a greater understanding of discipleship through the tools of stewardship

Why not under a
current
committee?

Why not under finance?

Tend to focus on the financial needs of the parish, rather than an individual's need for generosity

Ability to handle the needed roles and responsibilities on top of current ones

Tend to focus on treasure over giving equal emphasis to time, talent and treasure

Can not be sole responsibility of administrators

The Stewardship Committee
=People Committee.

Most important goal is to build
relationships.

“We serve the church by respecting the hallowed ground on which donors and the mission meet. We hold sacred the trust established between the donors and mission they choose to support.”

National Catholic Development Conference

<http://ncdc.org/catholic-fundraising/catholic-fundraising-for-fundraisers/>

Who should be on the committee

Creating your team of “12”

Successful Stewardship Committees

Diverse

Succession planners

Educators, writers

Gracious, give thanks

Create communications

Provide hospitality/welcome

Collect data/staff coordination- organized!

How to you create or sustain a committee?

Starting a committee

Ask leaders to recommend leaders- collaborate with current ministry leaders to help identify a need and rally support

One on one invitation

Ask in all channels- NOT just bulletin

Visit a few ministry's meetings and invite

Sustaining the committee

Pastor, Deacons, join you

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Clear objectives and roles from start

Be flexible and creative in task assignments

Be FUN!

Does the committee deal with all the tools of stewardship: time, talent, and treasure?

Involvement in Stewardship of Time

Prayer at the beginning of every stewardship meeting...and at the end.

Create a stewardship prayer/s for the Parish

Engage with the RE and School families on stewardship of time in prayer

Find one Sunday a month to hand out or electronically post a “stewardship prayer moment” or reflection

Involvement in Stewardship of Talent

Add to any new family/parishioner forms

Add to the website ministry info and contacts- make it easy to find

Ministry/Stewardship of Talent Fair, progressive dinner, Sunday ministry highlight, etc.

Acknowledgement event for volunteers

Gifts Discernment- <http://stthomaswichita.com/stewardship/spiritual-gifts-inventory>

<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/stewardship-resources/charisms-spiritual-gifts>

Involvement in Stewardship of Treasure

Provide examples, stories of stewardship of treasure during the year- impact

Provide Parishioners with fiscal transparency

Tasked with the Annual Stewardship Report

Review, design, and implement an annual renewal program

Encourage in all communications “ways to give” or opportunities for generosity

Do they really need to talk about
treasure?

How and when to talk about treasure

Yes. Yes....and still yes.

Invite a facilitator or trainer to come and discuss how to speak openly and effectively in regards to individual generosity- LOTS of Archdiocese help!

Be open with individuals from the start that they may be invited to share their generosity testimony or ask others to share their stories

New Parishioner meetings, new school families, engaged ministry leaders/Parish Council

Offertory/Giving Role

Special Collections, Offertory,
Christmas or Easter Collections,
Offertory Program

Communicate Generosity Stories/Stories of Stewardship in the bulletin, website, and social media regularly

Help encourage Parish fundraisers to incorporate messages of stewardship

Design and implement special collections and seasonal opportunities to give- ask Archdiocese for help!

Plan and implement the Parish renewal program (POP, Sunday Giving Commitment, First Fruits) in the fall

Work with the Parish staff on acknowledgement letters, major gifts, and other opportunities for giving

Encourage and educate parishioners about planned giving

Resources & Questions

Next webinar: April 27th 11 AM

Designing and Sharing Your Parish Annual
Report