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Rev. John L. Johns, Presiding Priest



Dear Annunciation Family,

I pray you all enjoying your Summer.

The Stewardship Committee and I are excited to continuously share with you our monthly communication. The fourth of which is enclosed highlighting the month of July. The one you all should have received last month, highlighted our topics & numbers for June.

Each month this new communication will do **two things**:

One, the Stewardship communication will share updates on where we are financially against our goals for the year, which are *100% participation and a 100% Stewardship-funded Budget*. Two, this communication will continually expand on topics concerning Stewardship. From July until December we will focus on the *Path to Generosity*, covering 5 total steps on this faithful path.

Our hope is that this Communication will grow awareness about true biblical Stewardship, and in turn help our Church expand her ministries, grow spiritually, and numerically.

In Christ,

Fr. John Johns &
The Stewardship Committee

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2023 STEWARDSHIP

A way of Life

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GOALS:

- 1 Faithfully Fulfill God's Command to Give
- 2 Increased, Consistent, & Regular Giving
- 3 Increased Participation from Our Members

Ultimate Goals:

100% Member Participation
100% Stewardship-Funded Budget

THE PATH TO GENEROSITY

The 5 Steps:

1. Acknowledge Our Sinful, Self-Centered Nature
2. Accept Christ's Offer of Transformation
3. Choose God's Eternal Kingdom over the Earthy Kingdom
4. Become Conformed to Christ's Image
5. Implement Genuine Generosity, as Christ is Generous



STEP 2:

Accept Christ's Offer of Transformation

Second Corinthians 5: 17 is a familiar verse with far-reaching implications: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Paul is not referring to a cosmetic change, but a heart transformation that occurs at the deepest part of who we are. "When we become followers of Christ, our very identity changes, and that should impact everything we do, including how we use our resources. We have to understand that the transformation is not of us, but Christ working in us. It is with the decision to follow Christ and be transformed by God that the journey of being generous begins."

-A Revolution in Generosity: Transforming Stewards to be Rich Toward God by Wesley K. Willmer



AT A GLANCE:

YEAR TO DATE-JULY INSERT

Total Members:	480
Pledging Stewards:	<u>263</u>
Members Yet to Pledge:	217

Pledge Goal:	\$580,000
Pledged to Date:	<u>\$294,500</u>
Pledges Needed:	\$285,500

GIVING BREAKDOWN

\$1-\$500	113
\$501-\$999	55
\$1,000-\$2,999	74
\$3,000-\$4,999	11
\$5,000-\$6,999	9
\$10,000 & Above	1

HOW DO I BECOME A SUSTAINING STEWARD?



"O man, be like the Earth. Bear fruit like her and do not fall short of what mere inanimate matter can achieve. The Earth bears crops not for her own benefit but for yours. You, on the other hand, when you give to the poor, are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them."