

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship is acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. Stewardship involves responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewards, as disciples of Jesus Christ, see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Prayer, worship, offering and action, eagerly sharing our gifts out of love for God and one another is a way of thanking God for all His blessings. By returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have each received, we thank God for all we are.

Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. It is a grateful awareness that all we have and all we are comes freely from God. When we offer our lives back to God in love, He blesses that generosity a hundredfold.

Your Reflection

The reflection that occurs after service is one of the most important parts of the actual service, yet it is the part that is often skipped or overlooked. It is through the reflection on what has been done that we see what has been accomplished and where we have seen God in the world around us. We are asking each person to write a reflection on each event in which you take part. You should include why you chose this event, what you did at the event, how you were led closer to God and what you learned during the event. The reflections should be submitted within two weeks of completing an event.

Candidates are expected to accept their share of the responsibility to serve others in Christ. Confirmation candidates are asked to participate in **at least three (3) stewardship (service/ outreach) events**. The candidate will need to complete an event where you have served each of the following:

1. your family,
2. your parish family, AND
3. your community, local or worldwide.

At least one of the events should be:

- a service **with your family members working together**.
- a liturgical ministry, a ministry at Mass other than what you normally participate. If you are a server on Sunday, then Easter Vigil Mass or a daily Mass or a reader.
- serving face-to-face.

Any event completed between **May 1, 2022 and May 1, 2023 will be acceptable**. You will need to complete a stewardship reflection form for each event and submit it to the youth minister **within two weeks of your service to others. It is recommended that you take a blank form to each event to be signed by a supervising adult.**

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37-40

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Candidate's Name _____

Event: _____ FAMILY- PARISH-COMMUNITY
Circle One

Where and when (date) did you serve others? _____

How long did the event last? _____ Did your family serve with you? _____
yes/no

Signature of Supervising Adult: _____ Date: _____

Why did you choose this event? What were your responsibilities?

God called you to serve here. How has He blessed you with this project? What ^a gifts or talents did you share? What did He teach you about people and yourself?

Where did you see Christ with those you served? What was their response?

What ^b work of mercy did you practice, or ^c social justice tenant did you address, explain how?

^a**Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord
^b**Works of Mercy:** feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoner, bury the dead; instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offences willingly, pray for the living and the dead
^c**Social Justice tenants:** life and dignity of the human person, call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities, option for the poor and vulnerable, the dignity of work and rights of workers, solidarity, care for God's creation
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