

## **More Ways to Develop a Generous Culture of Stewardship**

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- Get insights about your parish with a Parish Health Checklist
- Don't let your Stewardship Team or Stewardship Program grind to a halt
- Understand the Theology – ask your Clergy to help with this part!
- Appoint a Stewardship Chair and Committee
- Hold an Annual Parish Planning Day
- Organize around the themes recommended by Dr. Kennon Callahan
- Develop a Narrative Budget (to complement your line item budget)
- Revise and update your Narrative Budget regularly
- Integrate the Diocesan Vision into your Narrative Budget
- Apply the "Seven Secrets to Amazing Stewardship"
- Keep stewardship "simmering" all year long
- Use the line item budget for reviewing last year, and the narrative budget for outlining next year's plans
- Develop and nurture generosity
- Understand the basic stuff of real faith experience: hospitality and friendship
- Stewardship is about a way of life, and it is inexplicably tied to generosity and spirituality
- Generosity comes first; spirituality follows
- The theme of "time, talent and treasure" can be misleading because it can be too focused on "giving"
- Stewardship is also about the development and management of our resources, our environment, ourselves, and each other
- Stewardship is not about parish survival. It's about our relationship with God!
- Do more thorough financial analysis of Parishioner Giving
- De-mystify DMM
- Learn more about the National church
- Be a good advocate for your parish, the Diocese and the National church
- Identify and list all the advocates in your parish. Are you one of them?
- Tell your story
- Re-position and redevelop your parish effectively and do it soon
- Apply for grants
- Challenge the Money Myths
- Give willingly, cheerfully, proportionally, off the top, expectantly
- Be the example you want to see
- Choose to live in a culture of stewardship and give from a spirituality of abundance
- Run a Thirteenth Month Campaign
- Encourage Clergy
- Consider/Study Scriptural Resources about Stewardship
- Update your will (if you have one), get one if you don't!
- Set an example for the half of Canadians who don't have an updated will!

For more information, contact the Diocesan Stewardship Consultant.