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Our Call to Stewardship

This weekend we begin our annual Stewardship Renewal Program. As is years past, we will be communicating with every house hold in our parish over the next few weeks. The goal of this program is to insure the continued growth and stability of our parish community by the sharing of our gifts of Time Talent and Treasure.

Evangelizing and living our faith daily; what a powerful combination of words! As Catholics and intentional disciples we should embrace our faith and live each day as God has intended us to do. God loves a cheerful giver! We shouldn't give to receive nor should we give until it hurts, but instead we should give until it feels good! Sometimes we get so caught up in our daily activities that we don't take time to actually recognize all of the gifts and blessings that God provides us each and every day.

I am grateful that God has placed me at Church of the Assumption for almost sixteen years. We have come a long way together! I am proud of what we have accomplished together. None of this would be possible without the personal involvement and financial support of you, our parishioners. You are the driving force behind our success as a parish community, for which I am also very grateful! Many of you have expressed your hopes than we continue to be a welcoming, inspiring and grateful community of faith. We are rightfully proud to be the Church of the Assumption! And we want to continue growing in faith, inclusivity and good stewardship!

Today I want to introduce a Steward Renewal campaign that we are calling "Our Call to Stewardship". The "Our Call to Stewardship campaign will create deeper awareness, transparency of many good things that are going on at the Church of the Assumption and help us take a moment to embrace all the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

I am confident that we as a parish community will embrace this campaign and understand our journey that will take us to "Our Call to Stewardship". When we come together as one family we can assure that the Church of the Assumption will remain strong and vital for years to come. This cannot be done by only a few parishioners, but as an entire parish family. Remember there is no challenge or obstacle too great for us to conquer when we come together as ONE.

Last week many households received a colorful brochure announcing the beginning our this year's Stewardship Renewal. The printer mailed these out a week early thus scooping my homily this weekend. But in the next week or so, all of you will receive a special letter from me mailed to your homes. I simply ask that you READ the message, pray and REFLECT as a family, and to RESPOND with your generosity of prayers and gifts. I know each of you will do your part and continue to embrace God. I encourage you to visit our website and click on the "COTA – Our Call to Stewardship" link where you will find a special message that I would like for all of you to read.

Have a great week and thanks in advance for your participation and enthusiastic response!
