

Stewardship Sunday

September 10, 2017

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS –

Please Prayerfully Consider:

We are called as Catholics to daily live out the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and those in prison, burying the dead and giving alms to the poor. While we may not be able to carry out all of these works directly ourselves, through our gifts to various Catholic organizations we share in the Church's ministry to carry out the corporal works of mercy. Here are some of the ways that you could direct your charitable giving:

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL:



A common question among Catholics is “What parish do you belong to?” The parish is that “go to place” for most Catholics striving to live out their faith. Yet, a parish does not run simply on the goodwill of volunteers but depends upon the generous contributions of each member in order to maintain, not only the parish buildings, but to assure that the day to day activities of the parish might be maintained. When considering where to give of our treasure, the parish deserves first consideration.

AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL:



The Annual Catholic Appeal is the diocesan collection that assures that our diocese can carry out the Church's mission of evangelizing throughout Eastern Washington. The Appeal provides the means for each parishioner in each of the parishes of the diocese to join together in supporting the administrative needs of the diocese, as well as selected diocesan wide programs:

- Youth Ministries
- Formation of Future Priests
- Catholic School Office
- Care for Retired Priests
- Newman Ministry for College Students
- Contact: dioceseofspokane.org

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington holds and manages approximately \$28 million in more than 200 different endowed and custodial funds. Those accounts, started by individuals, families, parishes and



Catholic organizations, support local and regional Catholic education, vocations, community services, and building maintenance and preservation. (over)

A few of the many accounts in the Catholic Foundation include:

- Endowment Funds for individual Catholic schools and parishes
- Lucille M. Lieb Fund to feed, clothe and shelter the needy
- Priests' Retirement Fund
- Endowment Funds for Catholic Cemeteries
- School Tuition Assistance Funds
- Guatemalan Mission Fund
- Endowment Funds for Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

The Catholic Foundation provides a means for an individual, family or parish to establish a permanent fund designated to support a particular work or institution in the diocese. The fund may be set up to honor or memorialize someone. The funds are managed by outside professionals. spokanecatholicfoundation.com

Catholic Charities Spokane is a dynamic, value-driven organization of 225 employees with an annual budget of \$12 million. It annually serves more than 77,000 different people and is the largest sectarian social service organization between Seattle and Minneapolis. Catholic Charities administers programs in the 13 counties of



Eastern Washington which provide food, shelter, clothing, education, counseling and support to those in need, regardless of creed.

<http://catholiccharitiesspokane.org>

The Nazareth Guild was founded with the goal of incentivizing and rewarding all Catholic schools for reaching out to and accepting the poorest of the poor students so that they can experience the incredible impact of a



Catholic education, and to help all Catholic Schools continue to achieve excellence by supplying much needed financial relief to their overall operating budgets.

nazarethguild.org

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS:

Through the course of the year the diocese promotes various collections assisting the Church's work on the national and international levels. These collections are most often for disaster relief, providing for educational needs and supporting both home and foreign missions. Please prayerfully consider how you might financially assist in the Church's effort to carry out the corporal works of mercy in our world today.

To discuss philanthropic options in detail please contact Sr. Mary E. Tracy, SNJM, Office of Stewardship & Development: mtracy@dioceseofspokane.org 509-358-7334