

DISCOVERING A PLAN FOR GIVING

From the monthly budget I could give...

Weekly	Monthly	
Bi-Monthly	Other	
Total		

Asset Possibilities

<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSET	VALUE
	Real Estate	
	Stocks	
	Bonds	
	Other Assets:	
Total		

Income Producing Assets

<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSET	INCOME
	Rental Properties	
	Stocks	
	Bonds	
	CDs	
	Interest-Bearing Accounts	
Total		

Sacrifice.....  
 Could I do without.....  
 Postpone.....  
 Alter.....

Total		

POSSIBLE 5-YEAR TOTAL

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**YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY** to participate in a challenging program that will make a difference in the lives of the people of St. Joseph Parish and this community for years to come. This church, through its ministries and facilities, will continue to provide help and hope in the name of Christ. The degree to which we will be able to do this is dependent on your prayerful response to the financial challenge.

**EACH PARISHIONER** is being asked to thoughtfully consider God's will in his or her life as it relates to God's will for our church. This brief worksheet is designed to lead you through a process of discovery.

**AT A LATER TIME**, you will be asked to make a five-year financial commitment to our parish that is over and above your regular giving. Our prayer will be that when you make this commitment, it will come out of a spiritual conviction guided by your sensitivity to God's leadership.

## BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF DISCOVERY

Each parishioner is being asked to begin a journey that will eventually lead you to make a five-year financial commitment to your campaign. If this pilgrimage is properly conducted, it will require you to make a number of spiritual and practical decisions. The following worksheet is designed to help you work toward that destination.

*FIRST...* What are some reasons that should motivate you to give toward this project?

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*(I Kings 5:5; Mark 8:2-3; Romans 13:7-8; II Corinthians 8:11-12 indicate several justifications)*

*SECOND...* What attitudes does God like to see demonstrated in one's giving?

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*(Exodus 25:1-2, 35:4-5, 20-24, 29; I Chronicles 29:17; I Corinthians 13:3; II Corinthians 9:7 reveal some)*

*THIRD...* What does it mean to give sacrificially?

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*(II Samuel 24:24; I Chronicles 21:24; and Mark 12:41-44 explain how others have interpreted "sacrificial giving")*

*FOURTH...* What does a "sacrificial" commitment require of the giver?

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*(Romans 12:1 and II Corinthians 8:3-5 suggest several implications)*

*FIFTH...* What would you be willing to do in order to contribute sacrificially?

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*(I Chronicles 29:1-3; Acts 2:44-45, 4:32-37; and II Corinthians 8:1-4 describe what some have done)*

*FINALLY...* before determining your commitment, consider praying: "Lord, what is Your will for my life in this matter as it relates to Your will for our church at this time? What do You want to do through me as it affects what You are trying to do through our church?"

## DISCOVERING WAYS TO GIVE

As you contemplate your commitment, consider these things:

*SACRIFICE...* *What does "SACRIFICE" mean to me?*  
Your commitment should be built on the theme "Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice." Your five-year commitment should be a demonstration of your personal definition of sacrifice.

*PROCESS...* *What am I willing to do or do without?*  
Seek to translate "SACRIFICE" into a plan of action.

*AMOUNT...* *What kind of commitment will my sacrificial efforts generate during the next five years?*  
Remember, you will be setting a standard of sacrifice for others to follow.

*Take a personal inventory.* Consider investing from *as many areas* as possible:

- *Income...* How much can I budget from income to give?
- *Time and Talent...* What can I do or invest during the next five years to generate additional income?
- *Assets...* What item of value do I own that I can give to my church; e.g., real estate, stocks, bonds, personal possessions, etc.
- *Income Producing Assets...* What income could I dedicate from rental properties, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, interest-bearing accounts, etc.?
- *Sacrifice...* What can I give up, do without, postpone, or alter in order to give to my church?