

## **Introducing Stewardship to the Faith Community**

Before forming a parish stewardship committee, parish pastoral council may consider conducting a process of stewardship catechesis before introducing stewardship to the entire faith community. Parish finance council and coordinators of parish ministries should also be introduced to stewardship before introducing it to the entire faith community. Council members should read the suggested resources before each meeting [Introducing stewardship to the community is as easy as re-printing the Sunday bulletin “stewardship reflections” that are circulated in periodic mailings from the Chancery to pastors.]

<b>Month 1</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	Read/Discuss:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “To Be A Christian Steward” pamphlet (USCCB) <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Excerpts from <i>Stewardship: A Way of Life</i> Parish Manual <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding Stewardship / Scriptural Approach (pp.7-14)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Month 2</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	Read/Discuss:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excerpts from <i>Stewardship: A Way of Life</i> Parish Manual <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pastor’s &amp; Council’s Roles (pp. 15-20)</li> <li>- Q&amp;A (pp. 63-72)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Month 3</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	Read/Discuss:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stewardship: A Way of Life</i> Brochure Series <sup>2</sup> [The future stewardship committee would decide which brochures, if any, would be distributed to parishioners.]</li> </ul>
<b>Month 4</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	Establish: Purchase:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Stewardship (Sub-)Committee</li> <li>• USCCB pastoral letter <i>Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response</i> for each stewardship committee member. <sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Month 5</b>	Stewardship Committee	Read/Discuss:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary pamphlet; excerpts from the parish manual (see above).</li> </ul>
<b>Month 6</b>	Stewardship Committee	Review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various stewardship educational processes including the diocese’s <i>Stewardship: A Way of Life</i>. <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	Parish Pastoral Council	Updates from the Stewardship Committee	
	Stewardship Committee	Read/Discuss: Read/Discuss: Create:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All chapters of the stewardship pastoral document.</li> <li>• Other related documents (web search, Stewardship office library)</li> <li>• Calendar for implementing the stewardship education process.</li> </ul>

### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Supporting publications available for purchase from the Parish Life Office at cost.

<sup>2</sup> Available from the Parish Life Office at no charge.