

## ***“Take a Pulse” Parish Stewardship Review***

Please circle the number that is closest to where your parish is for each task:

1 – nothing has been/will be done, 2 - plans made, but not yet implemented, 3 - in progress of implementation, 4 - in place for less than 1 year, and 5 - fully in place for 1 or more years and making measurable progress.

### **1. Prayer (Spirituality/Gratitude)**

	Low				High
- Implement Eucharistic Adoration at some level	1	2	3	4	5
- Include stewardship themes in the Prayers of the Faithful (gratitude, service)	1	2	3	4	5
- Install a “Book of Blessings” in church for people to write why they are grateful	1	2	3	4	5
- Provide witness talks/reflections periodically by parishioners who are stewards of Christ’s life and love	1	2	3	4	5
- Give homilies with Stewardship themes regularly emphasized	1	2	3	4	5
- Ensure uplifting and inspirational music at all Masses	1	2	3	4	5
- Encourage prayer (provide prayer resources, reciting a stewardship prayer together at Mass, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
- Begin and end all parish meetings and functions with prayer	1	2	3	4	5
- Schedule an annual staff and ministry stewardship retreat, or parish mission	1	2	3	4	5
- Establish a parish prayer chain in both email and phone format	1	2	3	4	5
Total Score	_____				

### **2. Formation (Planning/Education/Communication)**

- Formed and commissioned a parish stewardship commission/council, not reporting to the Finance Council, and it meets no less than six times annually	1	2	3	4	5
- Establish and follow an annual plan ensuring year-round stewardship activities and communications	1	2	3	4	5
- Insert stewardship articles and quotes in the bulletin monthly	1	2	3	4	5
- Hold annual ministry awareness activities for parishioners	1	2	3	4	5
- Bless and commission ministers/volunteers annually	1	2	3	4	5
- Provide methods for and encourage electronic giving	1	2	3	4	5
- All parishioners receive envelopes if not donating electronically	1	2	3	4	5
- Include stewardship education in RCIA, young adult, and all religious ed programs	1	2	3	4	5
<b>- <i>Thank/show appreciation for donors, ministers/volunteers on a frequent basis</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
- Include photos and articles on parish stewardship activities in the newsletter	1	2	3	4	5
- Send staff and ministers to ICSC or other stewardship conferences and events for ongoing formation, networking and access to helpful resources	1	2	3	4	5
Total Score	_____				

**3. Welcoming/Hospitality for All**

	Low			High	
- Train and schedule greeters at every Mass to welcome people by name	1	2	3	4	5
- Provide regular hospitality after all Masses to develop fellowship	1	2	3	4	5
- Staff a parish information table after all Masses to answer questions	1	2	3	4	5
- Send cards commemorating special events (birthdays, baptisms, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
- Implement an effort such as <i>Catholics Come Home</i> for inactive Catholics	1	2	3	4	5
- Provide ample accessible parking and seating in Church	1	2	3	4	5
- Install proper signage so people can easily find their way around the facility	1	2	3	4	5
- Extend office hours if necessary to meet parishioner needs	1	2	3	4	5
- Answer the phone with a live voice rather than a service/machine	1	2	3	4	5
- Offer easily accessible registration for new parishioners	1	2	3	4	5
- Welcome all new parishioners in some formal way with parish materials	1	2	3	4	5

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Service (Sharing)**

- Share parish resources of time, talent and treasure lovingly, in justice with:					
➤ Individuals in need (Angel tree, St. Vincent de Paul Societies)	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Local/diocesan community (Jail ministry, other outreach)	1	2	3	4	5
➤ National/worldwide communities (mission trips)	1	2	3	4	5
- Demonstrate the parish is a good steward of:					
➤ Creation by recycling, taking part in environmental activities	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Vocation by regularly holding discernment activities for ALL vocations	1	2	3	4	5
➤ Faith by participating in collections for outreach, worldwide efforts	1	2	3	4	5
- Hold an annual opportunity for commitment of time, talent and treasure	1	2	3	4	5
- Sponsor community days of service for outreach and assistance	1	2	3	4	5
- Return a percentage of income to charities (not incl. spec collections)	1	2	3	4	5

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Review Date** \_\_\_\_\_