Stewardship Leadership: Key Steps

Our Desire

To draw people to Christ through our parish communities, leading them to live as disciples and stewards.

Our Desire

- Created in God's image
- Drawn to Christ's life through baptism
- Grow as good stewards
- Called to servant leadership
What comes to mind?

Who leads stewardship in your parish?

With whom do you lead?

Let's Focus

The Engaging and Evangelizing Community

Six Steps to Forming Grateful Disciples as Stewards in Community

The Vision: Stewards in Community

Establish the vision of the parish as a community of disciples and stewards

Stewardship throughout the year
“To attempt to be stewards on our own or even with the help of the community will ultimately be futile. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to rise above our pettiness and self-centeredness in order to be for and with others as Jesus was. Without prayer, a life of stewardship will not last.” — Bishop Robert Morneau, Paths to Prayer

The Vision: Stewards in Community
- Everything we are and have comes from God
- We learn to respond in gratitude
- Such gratitude is nurtured within the community of believers

Lead Grateful Disciples
Pastor
Stewardship Committee
Wider Parish Leadership
Build on One Another’s Talents
Servant leaders who entrust ministry to parishioners
"Leadership springs from within. It's about who I am as much as what I do."

Chris Lowney

Lead Grateful Disciples
• Pastor
• Living Witness
• Commission/Committee
• Fostering and sustaining stewardship
• Always attentive!
• Lead change
• Pastoral Council

Form Disciples as Stewards
Discipleship
Faith Formation
Evangelization
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and living God’s will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion." (SDR, 15)

Let’s Focus!

- Rhythm of liturgical year
- On-going
- Always tied to discipleship
- Every age and stage of life and faith
- Rhythm of liturgical year

Welcome and Engage Everyone

The Parish Community Really Does Matter!

Create a climate in which people are more likely to hear the message of stewardship

“Belonging leads to believing!”

Touches people in their daily lives The parish is “home.”
"We are the disciples of the One who knelt in front of his own to wash their feet. Go out to all, proclaim by anointing and anoint by proclaiming.”

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**Step Four**

Welcome and Engage Everyone
- Hospitality and Welcoming are key
- Build Community
- Expectations
- Needs
- Parish Culture

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**Commit to Annual Renewal**

On-going Rhythm within the Liturgical Year
Commitment to Christ and the Church
Personal and Communal Reflection
Invite Participation in Ministry

Spiritual Renewal — brings faith to life
Participative Culture

overarching answer for all is this:
with individual vocations. But the
through personal participation in
there are individual members
there are as many
answers to that question as
through personal participation in
and support of the Church’s
mission of proclaiming and
teaching, serving, and
sanctifying.”
(SDR, 31)

Commit to Annual Renewal
• A spiritual process with
practical implications
• Connect life with faith
• Time, Talent, Treasure
• Transforms individuals
and the community
• Follow-up is essential

Give Thanks to God and One Another
People know their participation matters
We are responsible for our stewardship

“Attitude of gratitude”
"The heart of the spirituality of a steward is how we live out what we celebrate, offer and receive in the Eucharist. The Eucharist propels us into the world, towards the needy and the afflicted, the orphan and the alien."

- Bishop Emeritus Sylvester Ryan

**Step Six**

Give Thanks. Be Accountable.
- Parishioner-to-parishioner gratitude expressed
- Parish-to-parishioner gratitude
- Parish and parishioners are accountable to Christ and one another

What comes to mind?

Which step is a strength for you and your parish?

Which is your greatest challenge?