

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Recognizing that the whole of our lives is a gift of God and is therefore at the service of God, the faithful respond to God's generosity by making a grateful return to the Lord that builds up the Church. As good stewards of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure our policies and administration reflect justice, charity and respect with accountability at all levels.

Goal 1: Sharing Gifts / Shared Responsibility

Given that through Baptism, Catholics are called to be caretakers of God's generosity and are challenged to embrace stewardship as a way of life (Stewardship: A Disciples Response; NCCB-USCCB, p.11.);

Given that each parish community is part of the larger Church and therefore, called to generosity beyond parish boundaries (Stewardship: A Disciples Response's; NCCB-USCCB, p.35);

Given that each Catholic community is blessed with particular gifts to be used for the building of the Kingdom of God benefiting the whole body of Christ;

The whole people of God of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe will promote the sharing of gifts among parishes (e.g. twinning) including personnel (clergy and laity), volunteer opportunities, effective pastoral practices, local traditions, material and financial resources.

OBJECTIVES:

Archdiocese:

1. With the support of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Development Office, an annual stewardship program focusing on the aspects of time, talent and treasure will be utilized in parishes by June 2007.
2. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Chancellor's Office will develop and maintain a database listing gift sharing and twinning opportunities for parishes by spring 2008.

Parishes:

3. Each parish shall identify resources and professional expertise within the parish to share with other parishes and report those to the office of the Chancellor by July 2008.

Families and Individuals:

4. Families and Individuals will reflect on their capabilities, gifts and professional expertise and offer them to the service of their parish community and the wider Archdiocese.