

“As each one
has received a gift, use it
to serve one another
as good stewards
of God’s varied grace.”

1 PETER 4:10

A FUTURE FULL of HOPE



“I know the plans I have for you, says the
Lord, plans for your welfare and not for
harm, to give you a future with hope.”

JEREMIAH 29:11

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WHY WE ARE COMMITTED
TO STEWARDSHIP

WHY IS STEWARDSHIP SO IMPORTANT?



Modeling a Picture of Biblical Stewardship in All of Life, Wise Diocesan Leaders Build a Foundation for the Future

At a Stewardship Workshop in the spring of 1986, diocesan leaders discussed a program that would take root across the region two years later—the seeds of a Total Stewardship commitment designed to embrace every aspect of Catholic spirituality. As one of the organizers, now-retired Fr. Patrick Mascarella stated, they chose their purposes with great clarity: “Stewardship is much bigger than just budgets.” “It is a process that reaches out and touches every person in the parish family, offering total personal and communal spiritual renewal,” added the late Sr. Rosemary Montecino, C.S.J.

Meaningful Catholic Stewardship Is a Total Way of Life We Make Commitments to Pray, to Serve and to Give

In the fall of 1988, the Total Stewardship Program began with an emphasis on three distinct phases of stewardship commitment: Prayer, Ministry and Finance, “a total way of life.” For thirty years, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has structured an annual program, and the work of spiritual formation—shaping devotional lives marked by service and generosity, remains the focus of every effort. God has great plans for us, and in this year’s anniversary curriculum, we celebrate by proclaiming God’s gift of A F U T U R E F U L L o f H O P E.

As Part of God’s Plan, Please Make a Commitment to Pray Committed to Pray, We Listen for the Voice of God

From the beginning, God has chosen to reveal himself and his will for us. When we pray, we seek to understand what he has planned. As part of our Total Stewardship effort, we make commitments to pray each day. At work and at rest, we are people who pray. Following the Lord’s model, our own prayer intentions show true purpose.

As Part of God’s Plan, Please Make a Commitment to Serve Committed to Serve, We Love God by Ministering to Others

God equips us for works of service. Because we love the Lord, we choose to minister in his name. We are called to serve in the name of Christ. To faithful Catholics, answering that call is personal. We know many of those we serve and value their ministry to us. In his great plan, our efforts bring glory to Jesus who purchased us life and hope.

As Part of God’s Plan, Please Make a Commitment to Give Committed to Give, We Link God’s Blessing to Daily Needs

God provides us life in Christ, the ultimate picture of sacrificial love and a model that informs our giving. As we give, God is gracious to extend blessing to us, as well. In his plan for his children, God offers A FUTURE FULL of HOPE, and our generous gifts ensure those purposes extend God’s blessing well beyond the bounds of our parish.