

## **STEWARDSHIP:**

### **Sharing our time and talents with others**

As baptized Catholics we are participants in the mission of the Church which calls each of us to stewardship. Therefore, service opportunities are an essential part of all catechetical programs. Stewardship is ongoing. It begins when we start to develop our gifts and talents and we continue to develop them throughout our lives.

As followers of Jesus committed to the Gospel values, we are called to be stewards of the many good gifts that God has given us. When we recognize our God given abilities, we are to use them to build the Kingdom of God. "To whom much has been given; much is expected".

### **Christian Stewardship (Blessed Sacrament Church)**

In our Confirmation program at Blessed Sacrament Church we find it fundamental for the candidate to acknowledge his/her gifts and talents and demonstrate these to those around them. When stewardship opportunities arise, the candidate will be asked to exercise their Christian stewardship. Each candidate is required to complete at least (20)twenty stewardship hours.

All candidates have been given a stewardship timesheet to keep track of their hours and the signature of the supervising adult. They have also been given (3)three reflection sheets, which are to be completed by the candidate(one form for each area of concentration: community, parish, and school). We ask parents to encourage your son/daughter to identify their gifts and talents and use them to help others. Perhaps this is an opportunity for family stewardship in which all family members participate in a stewardship activity.

\*\*\*Stewardship is the concept we are now using in place of service hours. It rightly places service in a spiritual context of gratitude to God for all He has given.