

Assess Your Parish Stewardship Program

	Ideal	Us
1. Compelling “case” to ask for first time or increased giving	20	
2. Good information management: pledge tracking, receipting, acknowledgements, quarterly statements, follow up on unfulfilled giving	5	
3. Parish council and stewardship committee lead by example	10	
4. Stewardship committee members follow through on tasks	20	
5. Priest consistently teaches biblical, sacrificial giving for at least past five years	20	
6. Parish generally perceived as well-managed	5	
7. Parish communications generally perceived as timely, informative, regular	5	
8. Parishioners generally comfortable with open conversation about financial giving	5	
9. Strong emphasis and effort to fund the budget 100% through stewardship	20	
10. Priest personally involved in speaking with individuals about their giving	20	
11. Campaign literature inexpensive but well presented and easy to understand	5	
12. Parish “invests” in fund raising, accepting that it takes money to raise money	5	
13. Stewardship committee works year-round, focusing also on gifts of time and talent	10	
14. Stewardship committee has access to relevant giving information on a “need to know” basis. All confidentiality is maintained.	5	
15. Personal asking (committee members meet/speak with parishioners) a part of every year’s stewardship campaign	15	
16. End of the year effort to personally remind parishioners to honor commitments	5	
17. Every year, ongoing program whereby parents teach children to give	10	
18. Well organized annual Saturday Parish Stewardship Day when parishioners work on facilities, grounds, and other tasks or sponsors neighborhood service day	5	
19. Ongoing, planned effort to recruit, train, nourish and retain volunteers	5	
20. Alternative means provided for parishioners to give – credit card, automatic debiting, electronic funds transfer	5	
Total	200	

175-200 – parish among the top-ranked stewardship-oriented parishes in the church, but still room for improvement.

150-174 – parish making good progress, now press forward toward excellence.

125-149 – congratulations on moving away from “dues mentality”, now concentrate on implementing and improving highest ranked items on the assessment (15 and above)

0-124 – good news is that there is lots of room for improvement, work steadily and consistently and then witness the remarkable changes that occur over 3-5 years