

## St. Agatha Parish— *Stewardship Appeal*

As you likely heard last week, we are conducting an important Stewardship of Treasure Appeal this Spring. This effort is designed to increase support for the regular offertory to help address some of the financial challenges that our Parish is facing. Our offertory income has remained level and the Grand Annual has decreased markedly. At the same time our expenses – although carefully managed – have risen.

As we detailed in the Annual Report, this is the first year we have ever had a deficit budget. This has resulted in our savings being virtually depleted. Accordingly, even in these difficult times and in the midst of our pledge payment period from the successful Capital Campaign, we need to ask everyone's help to get us back on firm financial footing so we can continue to fulfill our mission and meet our obligations.

Below you will find answers to some questions you may have about this Appeal. On the back of this insert is a “**Guideline to Giving**” for you to utilize as you consider whether you can increase your regular support to the Parish offertory.

Over the next several days, each household will receive a letter and brochure in the mail, outlining the challenges that we face as well as some of our future goals. Next weekend will be “**Commitment Weekend.**” Every parishioner will be invited to prayerfully consider a slight increase in their weekly offering to St. Agatha's. This will be done here in church during each Mass. This seems to be the most effective and efficient way to achieve our goal. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support and may God Bless you. Our Stewardship of Treasure Appeal is taking place in the context of prayer and sacrifice; only in that way can we hope to be successful.

### Questions & Answers

**Q. Who will be asked to support this Appeal?**

*We plan to ask each member of our parish family to consider making a sacrificial increase in their regular support for our parish. We hope each parishioner will play a conscientious role in shaping the future of St. Agatha Parish.*

**Q. By how much should I increase my offering?**

*Only you can decide what is appropriate for you and your family. A lasting and meaningful increase by all of the faithful of our Parish will make a tremendous impact on St. Agatha Parish.*

**Q. What if I cannot increase my offering at this time?**

*While it is our hope that this appeal will have a significant, positive impact on our offertory, I am particularly interested in hearing from 100% of our parish. Not everyone is in a position to increase their support. However, everyone can respond to the appeal. Perhaps there is something that we can do to assist you and your family. I ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.*

**Q. When should I start contributing at my new level?**

*Please start contributing at your new level immediately. Please try and maintain this new amount as your regular giving level each time you make an offering.*

**Q. Is Automated/Electronic Giving available for our offering?**

*Yes. We offer Automated/Electronic Giving (Credit Cards and ACH or E-Check) for those who like to pay their regular bills (mortgage, car payments, etc) in this manner. Please check the appropriate box on the Intention Card next weekend.*

## Guideline to Giving

### Current Weekly Giving Level

### Suggested New Giving Level

\$1.00	\$2.00	to	\$3.00
\$2.00	\$4.00	to	\$6.00
\$3.00	\$6.00	to	\$8.00
\$4.00	\$7.00	to	\$9.00
\$5.00	\$8.00	to	\$10.00
\$7.00	\$11.00	to	\$14.00
\$10.00	\$14.00	to	\$17.00
\$15.00	\$20.00	to	\$25.00
\$20.00	\$27.00	to	\$32.00
\$25.00	\$32.00	to	\$39.00
\$30.00	\$37.00	to	\$44.00
\$35.00	\$42.00	to	\$49.00
\$40.00	\$47.00	to	\$54.00
\$45.00	\$52.00	to	\$59.00
\$50.00	\$57.00	to	\$64.00
\$55.00	\$62.00	to	\$69.00
\$60.00	\$67.00	to	\$74.00
\$65.00	\$72.00	to	\$79.00
\$70.00	\$77.00	to	\$84.00
\$75.00	\$82.00	to	\$89.00
\$80.00	\$87.00	to	\$94.00
\$85.00	\$92.00	to	\$99.00
\$90.00	\$97.00	to	\$104.00
\$95.00	\$102.00	to	\$109.00
\$100.00	\$110.00	to	\$115.00

*What our Lord Asks is  
Equal Sacrifice — Not Equal Giving*