

What is the Ministry of Gratitude?

This is the ministry devoted to gathering resources – time, talent and treasure—in support of mission and ministry. In its approach to encouraging a rich outpouring of gifts from the people, it proclaims that the Theology of Abundance is real!



Why not call it what it is – stewardship? Isn't Gratitude just a warm and fuzzy word for fundraising?

Calling this ministry "Gratitude" points to cause instead of effect. The goal of Stewardship is generosity – abundant giving to the cause of Christ. That's why we place our focus on the gratitude, the condition preceding generosity! Choosing this word, we commit to inspiring joyful—instead of obligatory, need or guilt-based—giving.

What is the Theology of Abundance?

The theology of abundance proclaims that God has already given us everything we need. Our joyful task, then, is simply to acknowledge the riches bestowed upon us!

What is Grateful, Glad and Giving?

Grateful, Glad, and Giving is a year-round gratitude-based program for stewardship—and congregational development! Watch both pledge income and the parish roll grow as you become a more joyous and gratitude-based com-



We have a budget to meet! Don't financial realities get lost in all this talk of Gratitude?

Not at all! A Gratitude-based approach is both daringly open to vision and fearless in discussion of budgets. Gratitude avows that it really is more blessed to give than to receive. And where giving is a good and joyful thing, volunteers find asking others to give is a pleasure! Bottom line, in terms of grace or dollars pledged, we believe grace-based giving will trump guilt every time.

“Grateful, Glad and Giving”

2011



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“Our Gifts, Our Future”

“We are Grateful ...”

... that we were able to contribute toward the relief of the diocese and people of Haiti.

... that we were able to respond to the appeal from the Philippines during their typhoon relief operation.

... for our beautiful church and for the concern in its upkeep.

... for those who volunteer their time in our various ministries.

... for our ministry of reaching out to the homebound members of the parish.

... for a meaningful Sunday worship and the beautiful music we hear while praising God.

... for the Sunday Fellowship Gathering and the opportunity to renew acquaintance and forge new ones.

**Out of deep gratitude,
I plan to give generously to Ascension**

FINANCIAL PLEDGE

OPERATING FUND PLEDGE To share the financial resources with which we/I have been blessed, we/I make a pledge for 2011 to Ascension's regular operating account of:

\$ _____ per week or
\$ _____ per month or
\$ _____ per year

BUILDING FUND PLEDGE For 2011 we/I pledge to Ascension's Building Fund for use for capital improvements:

\$ _____ per week or
\$ _____ per month or
\$ _____ per year

This Pledge represents _____ adults and _____ children in my/our household.

NAME(S)

PHONE _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

From Gratitude, I intend to be involved in the following ministries:

TIME & TALENT PLEDGE

Please encircle your choice

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| Outreach | Ecumenical Activities
Fundraising
Community Outreach |
| Building & Grounds | Carpentry, Plumbing,
Painting, Landscaping,
Yard Work, Recycling |
| Christian Education | Bible Study, Popcorn
Theology, Sunday School,
Youth and Young Adult |
| Evangelism | Coffee Hour Hosts
Parish Activities
Usher/Greeter |
| Worship | Acolyte, Altar Guild
Choir, Music, Lector,
LEM LEV |
| Pastoral Care | Prayer Chain
Ascension Shepherd
Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Finances | Grateful, Glad and Giving
Money Counter
Budget Committee, AIM |
| Administration | Office Volunteer
Archive and Library
Computer , ITs |