**The Season of Stewardship Information**

1. Overview
   1. The Season of Stewardship provides the opportunity for parish households to discern their gifts of stewardship (time, talent, treasure) to their parish and to the larger Diocesan Mission and ministries.
   2. The Curia will provide the materials, planning, and coordination of delivery for each parish. This is a turn-key approach and will be at no cost to the parish.
   3. Each household will receive
      1. Bishop’s letter encouraging stewardship discernment at the parish and an invitation to support the Diocesan ministries and missions
      2. Parish Packet
         1. Pastor’s Stewardship letter
         2. Stewardship discernment brochure/flyer
         3. Parish Stewardship Commitment Card
2. Parishes that currently implement a Season of Stewardship or Offertory Program
   1. We will be offering the materials to their parish to complement their program
   2. Bishop’s letter will be sent to current households, which will include an opportunity to support the Diocesan missions and ministries (any donation toward this effort will be counted toward the Parish Tithing Goal)
3. Parishes without a stewardship ministry or discernment process will receive
   1. Bishop’s letter inviting stewardship discernment9
   2. Pastor’s letter regarding stewardship discernment and opportunities at the parish
   3. Stewardship discernment brochure/flyer
   4. Social media posts and graphics
   5. Bulletin text and graphics
   6. Lay witness workshop and tips
   7. Homily tips and suggestions
   8. Parish Commitment Card
   9. Ongoing support in stewardship discernment and resources for sustaining a stewardship ministry
4. Timeline
   1. Sunday, Oct. 1th (Optional) Graphic #1 with text announcing the Season of Stewardship in the bulletin and digital (website and social media)
   2. Sunday, Oct. 18th: Pastor’s Homily on Stewardship/ Launch of Season of Stewardship, utilize the bulletin/digital text and graphic #2
   3. Week of Oct. 19th: Bishop’s Letter delivered
   4. Sunday, Oct. 25th: Witness Sunday, utilize the bulletin/digital text #3
   5. Week of Oct. 26th: Pastor’s Letter, Stewardship Discernment Brochure and commitment card delivered to parish households
   6. Sunday, Nov. 1st: Return Commitment Cards to Parish, utilize the bulletin/digital text #4
5. Synod Implementation and Documentation Statute n. 1, 2, 4, 143, 144, 145