

## **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STEWARDSHIP AND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

The Catholic Diocese of Wichita believes a Catholic education is the best gift a parent can give a child. A student of a Catholic school will not only receive an outstanding academic education, but more importantly, will receive a rich formation in the way of stewardship which will prepare them for life and giving the entire family the opportunity to grow in the Catholic faith and holiness.

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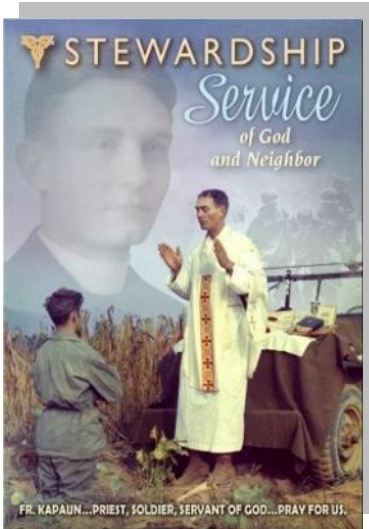
1. Why is Catholic Education important to you?
2. What do you expect from the parish in receiving this Catholic Education?
3. What can the parish expect from you?

### **Basic notions of how the Stewardship Way of Life works:**

1. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.
2. Stewardship is a choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and accepting an obligation to give back to God through the parish a consistent and honest offering of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is characterized by 4 Pillars: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service.
3. What we expect of Catholic School Families in the way of active stewardship is expected of all families in the parish. What is expected is:
  - a. Attending of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation at the parish
  - b. Participation in the sacramental life of the church

- c. Active participation in parish ministries
  - d. Participation in the parish religious education programs for children and adults
  - e. Consistent Catholic moral values in all areas of life
  - f. Completion of an annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure
  - g. Making and keeping a good faith pledge of treasure, with a goal of 8% of your gross income to the parish and 2% to other favorite charities
4. The question of active stewardship is not a matter of money, but of active practice of the faith. Catholic schools are not primarily academic institutions; they are first and foremost schools of formation in faith, moral values, service, and spirituality. Catholic schools can succeed only if they work hand in hand with the parents. Active stewardship in the parish is not just desirable; it is crucial to everything a parish and parents want to accomplish for the children.
  5. For families which fulfill these expectations of active stewardship, the parish will make every effort to assist them with their children's Catholic education. Stewardship is a relational commitment. It must not be presumed the pastor is aware of personal circumstances hindering your generous sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure. Therefore, if circumstances change in a family's commitment to the parish, it is important to inform the parish and/or pastor.
  6. A pastor has the responsibility of cultivating and forming families as active stewards. A pastor is also accountable to God for being a good steward of the parish's limited financial resources. Therefore he is responsible for determining if a family is making a good faith effort at living out the Stewardship Way of Life.
  7. Finally, it is with thanksgiving the parish has a Catholic school, allowing a partnership with parents in forming children in the ways of the Faith, recognizing it is in the home that the faith will be first and most importantly taught.





## SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR PASTORS & CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES IN THE PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

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Our Catholic grade school (and high schools) is the mission of the entire parish. Only through the stewardship of all the parishioners are we able to maintain excellent schools without any government support. Therefore, since example is always the best teacher, I encourage you to continue to be (or become) an active steward in the parish.

Enrolling your children in a Catholic school is a partnership among the family, the parish, and the school. It is a privilege, and not a right.

There are three questions I would like to discuss with you (*both the parent and student*):

1. Why is Catholic Education important to you?
2. What do you expect from the parish in receiving this Catholic Education?
3. What can the parish expect from you? (*Or "How do you understand the relationship between stewardship and a Catholic education?"*)

### Alternative Suggested Questions (especially for new parishioners):

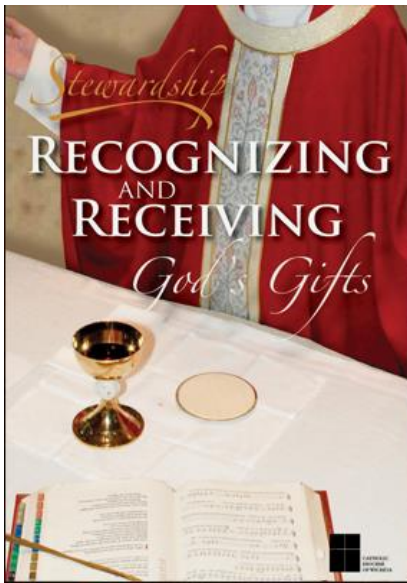
- Why are you a member of this parish and how are you active in it now?
- Why do you want to enroll your children in a Catholic school?
- Why should the parish provide your children with the means of a Catholic education this year?
- How are you willing to commit to the parish now?

### **Let's review some basic notions of how the Stewardship Way of Life works:**

1. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.

2. Stewardship is a choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and accepting an obligation to give back to God through the parish a consistent and honest offering of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is characterized by hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.
3. What we expect of our Catholic School families in the way of stewardship, we expect of all families in the parish. We expect:
  - a. Attending of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation at the parish
  - b. Participation in the sacramental life of the church
  - c. Active participation in parish ministries
  - d. Participation in the parish religious education programs for children and adults
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5. For families which fulfill these expectations of active stewardship, the parish will make every effort to assist them with the funding of their children's Catholic education. Also please remember, if circumstances change in a family's commitment to the parish, it is important to inform the parish and/or pastor. Stewardship is a relational commitment. It must not be presumed the pastor is aware of personal circumstances hindering your generous sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure.
6. As pastor:
  - a. I have the responsibility of cultivating and forming families as active stewards.
  - b. I am also accountable to God for being a good steward of the parish's limited financial resources. Therefore I am responsible for determining if a family is making a good faith effort at living out the Stewardship Way of Life.
7. Finally, thank you for allowing us to be partners with you in forming your child(children) in the ways of the Faith, recognizing it is in your home that the faith will be first and most importantly taught.





## SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR PASTORS & P.S.R. (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION) FAMILIES

We believe formation in the Catholic Faith is the best gift a parent can give a child. At our PSR Program, your child will not only receive an outstanding religious formation but also receive a rich formation in the Stewardship Way of Life, giving your entire family the opportunity to grow in faith and holiness.

The purpose of faith formation is to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of His person and message, and a firm commitment to follow Him.

At our PSR program the children study our Catholic Faith, pray often, practice moral values, learn to practice self-discipline and discipleship, and are expected to put others' needs before their own.

All of our faith formation programs, PSR program, Catholic grade school and high schools are the mission of the entire parish. Only through the stewardship of all the parishioners are we able to maintain excellent programs and schools. Therefore, since example is always the best teacher, I encourage you to continue to be (or become) an active steward in the parish.

Enrolling your children in our parish PSR program is a partnership among the family, the parish, and the Diocese of Wichita. *Note: This is a great time to explain how the Office of Faith Formation provides many opportunities: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), Totus Tuus, CLAY (Christ Light in All Youth, Prayer in Action etc. Additional Faith formation can be found here: <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith>*

There are three questions I would like to discuss with you (both the parent and student):

1. Why is forming your child (children) in the ways of the Catholic Faith important to you?
2. What do you expect from the parish in receiving this Catholic Faith formation?
3. What can the parish expect from you?

### Alternative Suggested Questions:

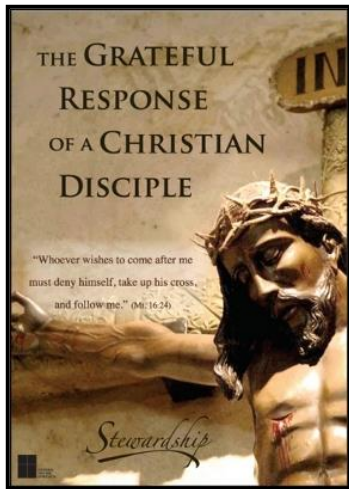
- Why are you a member of this parish and how are you active in it now?
- Why do you want to enroll your children in our PSR program?
- How can the parish improve its catechesis for your children?
- How are you willing to commit to the parish now? (provide some ideas of how they can be involved)

### **Let's review some basic notions of how the Stewardship Way of Life works:**

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3. What we expect of our parish PSR families in the way of stewardship, we expect of all families in the parish. We expect:
  - a. Attending of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation at the parish
  - b. Participation in the sacramental life of the church
  - c. Active participation in parish ministries
  - d. Participation in the parish religious education programs for children and adults (*Here is a great place to explain the expectations of the PSR program, e.g., attendance, participation, tardiness, etc.*)
  - e. Consistent Catholic moral values in all areas of life
  - f. Completion of an annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure
  - g. Making and keeping a good faith pledge of treasure, with a goal of 8% of your gross income to the parish and 2% to other favorite charities
4. The question of active stewardship is not a matter of money, but of active practice of the faith. Our PSR program is a formation in faith, moral values, service, and spirituality. Our parish program can succeed only if they work hand in hand with the parents. Your active stewardship in the parish is not just desirable; it is crucial to everything you and we want to accomplish for your child (children).
5. For families which fulfill these expectations of active stewardship, the parish will make every effort to assist them with the faith formation of their children. (*For families registered outside the parish, a letter of permission from their pastor could be requested*)
6. If circumstances change in a family's commitment to the parish, it is important to inform the parish and/or pastor. Stewardship is a relational commitment. It must not be presumed the pastor is aware of personal circumstances hindering your generous sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure.
7. As pastor:
  - a. I have the responsibility of cultivating and forming families as active stewards and have the particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth.
  - b. I am also accountable to God for being a good steward of the parish's limited financial resources. Therefore I am responsible for determining if a family is making a good faith effort at living out the Stewardship Way of Life.
8. Finally, thank you for allowing us to be partners with you in forming your child (children) in the ways of the Faith, recognizing it is in your home that the faith will be first and most importantly taught.





## SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PARISH FAMILY AGREEMENT:

Thank you for choosing to enroll your child in a Catholic school. We believe that a Catholic education is the best gift a parent can give a child. Your child will not only receive an outstanding academic education, but more importantly, will receive a rich formation in the way of stewardship which will prepare your child for life and giving your entire family the opportunity to grow in faith and holiness. Your child will study religion daily, will pray often, will practice moral values, will learn to practice self-discipline and discipleship, and will be expected to put others' needs before his or her own.

Our Catholic grade school and high schools is the mission of the entire parish. Only through the stewardship of all the parishioners are we able to maintain excellent schools without any government support. Since example is always the best teacher, I encourage you to continue to be (or become) an active steward in the parish.

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In signing the Parish Family Agreements, I ask for both parents and students to reflect on these questions:

1. Why is Catholic Education important to you?
2. What do you expect from the parish in receiving this Catholic Education?
3. What can the parish expect from you? (Or *"What is the relationship between stewardship and a Catholic education?"*)

### Alternative Suggested Questions (especially for new parishioners):

- Why are you a member of this parish and how are you active in it now?
- Why do you want to enroll your children in a Catholic school?
- Why should the parish provide your children with the means of a Catholic education this year?
- How are you willing to commit to the parish now?

These questions embody the Parish Family Agreement. In order to help you further reflect upon your answers to these questions, I would like to review some basic notions of how the Stewardship Way of Life works:

- Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.
- Stewardship is a choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and accepting an obligation to give back to God through the parish a

consistent and honest offering of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is characterized by hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.

- What we expect of our Catholic School Families, we expect of all families in the parish. We expect:
  - Attending of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation at the parish
  - Participation in the sacramental life of the church
  - Active participation in parish ministries
  - Participation in the parish religious education programs for children and adults
  - Consistent Catholic moral values in all areas of life
  - Completion of an annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure.
  - Making and keeping a good faith pledge of treasure, with a goal of 8% of your gross income to the parish and 2% to other favorite charities
- The question of active stewardship is not a matter of money, but incorporates the fullness of a disciple's response. Catholic schools are not primarily academic institutions; they are first and foremost schools of formation in faith, moral values, service, and spirituality. Our Catholic schools can succeed only if they work hand in hand with the parents. Your active stewardship in the parish, therefore, is not just desirable; it is crucial to everything you and we want to accomplish for your child.
- For families which fulfill these expectations of active stewardship, the parish will make every effort to assist them with the funding of their children's Catholic education.
- This agreement is contingent upon a families' continuing parish stewardship. Also please remember, if circumstances change in a family's commitment to the parish, it is important to inform the parish and/or pastor. Stewardship is a relational commitment. It must not be presumed the pastor is aware of personal circumstances hindering your generous sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure.

As pastor:

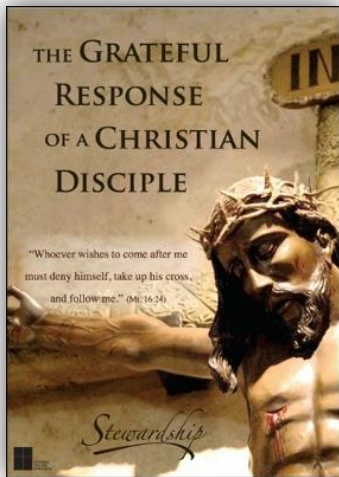
- I have the responsibility of cultivating and forming families as active stewards.
- I am also accountable to God for being a good steward of the parish's limited financial resources. Therefore I am responsible for determining if a family is making a good faith effort to be an active parish member.

Honestly, prayerfully, and with truth review the Parish Family Agreement. If you cannot fulfill the obligations stated, please do not sign it. We will work with you to find other ways for your children to receive formation in the Catholic Faith.

If you do choose to sign it, be faithful to it. Be faithful for the sake of your fellow parishioners who are sacrificing for the education of the parish children and most of all do it for your own holiness and salvation.

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## LA RELACIÓN ENTRE EL COMPARTIR Y UNA ESCUELA CATÓLICA

La Diócesis Católica de Wichita Cree profundamente que una educación católica es el mejor regalo que un padre puede darle a sus hijos. Sus hijos no solo recibirán una educación académica excepcional, sino que también, recibirán una formación rica acerca del Camino del Compartir que preparará a sus hijos para la vida y le dará a su familia entera la oportunidad de crecer en la fe y la santidad, lo que es muy importante.

En una escuela Católica, sus hijos estudiarán la religión diariamente, rezarán a menudo, practicarán los valores morales, aprenderán a practicar la autodisciplina y el discipulado, y se espera que ponga las necesidades de otros antes de las suyas.

Las escuelas católicas primarias, secundarias y preparatorias son una misión sumamente importante de la parroquia entera. Sólo a través del Compartir de todos los feligreses tenemos la habilidad de mantener unas escuelas excelentes sin apoyo del gobierno.

Inscribir a sus hijos en una escuela católica es el participar en una colaboración entre la familia, la parroquia y la escuela. No es un derecho, sino un privilegio.

### **Antes de inscribir a su hijo en una escuela Católica reflexione las siguientes tres preguntas:**

1. ¿Por qué es importante la educación católica para ustedes?
2. ¿Qué espera de la parroquia al recibir esta educación católica?
3. ¿Qué puede esperar la parroquia de ustedes? (O “¿Cuál es la relación entre el Compartir y una educación católica?”)

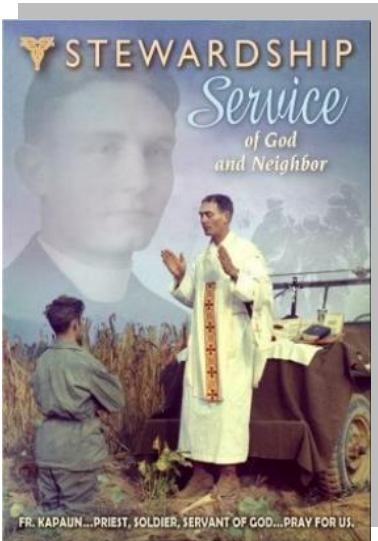
### **Ideas Básicas de Cómo funciona la Manera de Vivir del Compartir:**

1. El Compartir es la respuesta agradecida de un discípulo Cristiano que reconoce y recibe los dones de Dios y los comparte con los otros por el amor de Dios y su prójimo.
2. El Compartir es la decisión de hacerse un discípulo de Jesucristo al reconocer que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios y aceptar la obligación de devolverle a Dios a través de la parroquia una ofrenda honesta y consistente de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. El Compartir se caracteriza por 4 pilares: la hospitalidad, la oración, la formación, y el servicio.
3. Lo que esperamos de nuestras familias de las Escuelas Católicas es lo mismo de lo que esperamos de todas las familias de la parroquia. Esperamos que:
  - a. Asistan a Misa los domingos y los días de obligación en la parroquia.
  - b. Participen en la vida sacramental de la iglesia.

- c. Participen activamente en los ministerios de la parroquia.
  - d. Participen en los programas de educación religiosa para los niños y los adultos.
  - e. Sean consistentes en los valores morales católicos en todas las áreas de la vida.
  - f. Completen una contribución anual de tiempo, talento y tesoro.
  - g. Hagan y mantengan una contribución de Buena fe de su Tesoro con una meta del 8% de sus ingresos brutos a la parroquia y el 2% a otras organizaciones caritativas de su preferencia.
4. La cuestión del Compartir activo no tiene que ver con el dinero, sino que se trata de lo máximo que responde el discípulo. Las escuelas católicas no son primeramente instituciones académicas; son primero y principalmente escuelas de formación en la fe, los valores morales, el servicio y la espiritualidad. Nuestras escuelas pueden tener éxito solo si coinciden con el trabajo de los padres. Así pues, su Compartir activo en la parroquia, no sólo es deseable, sino que es crucial para todo lo que ustedes y nosotros queramos lograr para su hijo.
  5. Para las familias que logran estas expectativas del Compartir activo, la parroquia hará todo esfuerzo para ayudarles con pagar la educación católica de sus hijos. El Compartir es un compromiso relacional. No se debe presumir que el párroco está pendiente de todas las circunstancias personales que pueden inhibir su sacrificio generoso de talento, tiempo, o tesoro. También, favor de recordar, si las circunstancias cambian para comprometerse a la parroquia, es importante informarle al párroco y/o la parroquia.
  6. Un pastor tiene la responsabilidad de cultivar y formar a las familias como personas activas en el Compartir. También, tiene la responsabilidad ante Dios de ser un buen administrador de los recursos financieros limitados de la parroquia. Como también la responsabilidad de determinar si una familia hace un esfuerzo de buena fe en el vivir el Compartir.
  7. Finalmente, con mucho agradecimiento la parroquia tiene una escuela Católica lo que permite una relación con los padres en la formación de los hijos en las maneras de vivir la fe, reconociendo que es en el hogar donde se empieza y enseña la fe primordialmente.



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## SUGERENCIAS PARA LOS PÁRROCOS Y FAMILIAS DE LAS ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS CATÓLICAS EN LA PARROQUIA

La educación Católica es el mejor regalo que un padre puede darle a su hijo. Su hijo no solo recibirá una educación académica excepcional, sino que también recibirá una rica formación en la manera de vivir del Compartir (Stewardship) que preparará a su hijo para la vida y le dará a la familia entera la oportunidad de crecer en la fe y en santidad.

En nuestra escuela católica, los niños estudian religión diariamente, oran, practican valores morales, aprenden como practicar autodisciplina y discipulado y se tiene la esperanza de que ellos pongan las necesidades de los demás antes de sus propias.

Nuestra escuela primaria (y Secundaria) es la misión de la parroquia entera. Solo a través del Compartir (Stewardship) de todos los feligreses podemos mantener excelentes escuelas sin la ayuda del gobierno. Por lo tanto, ya que dar el ejemplo siempre ha sido el mejor maestro, les invito a continuar siendo miembros activos de su parroquia.

El inscribir a sus hijos en una escuela católica es el participar en una colaboración entre la familia, la parroquia y la escuela. No es un derecho sino un privilegio.

Hay tres preguntas que me gustaría discutir con Uds. (padres y estudiantes):

1. ¿Por qué es importante para Uds. la educación Católica?
2. ¿Cuál es su esperanza, sueño o expectativa de la parroquia al recibir esta educación Católica?
3. ¿Cuál creen que sea la esperanza, sueño o expectativa de la parroquia hacia Uds.? (O "¿Cuál cree que sea la relación entre la vida del Compartir y la educación Católica?")

### Otros ejemplos de preguntas (especialmente para nuevos feligreses)

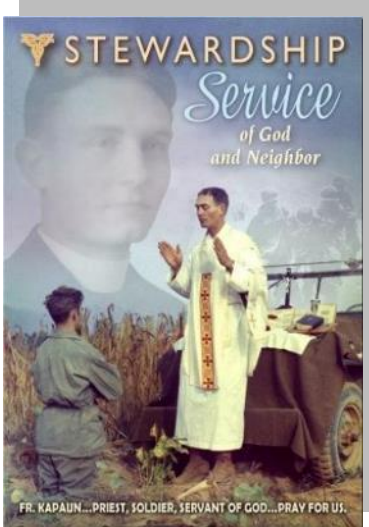
- ¿Por qué es miembro de esta parroquia y de qué manera participa en este momento?
- ¿Por qué quiere inscribir su hijo(a) en la escuela Católica?
- ¿Por qué debe la parroquia proveerle a su hijo con los medios para una educación Católica este año?
- ¿De qué manera está dispuesto a comprometerse con la parroquia en este momento?

### **Revisemos por un momento las nociones básicas del Compartir (Stewardship) como Manera de Vivir y como funciona:**

1. El Compartir es la respuesta agradecida de un discípulo Cristiano que reconoce y recibe los dones de Dios y los comparte por amor a Dios y al prójimo.

2. El Compartir (Stewardship) es la decisión de convertirse en discípulo de Jesucristo al reconocer que todo lo que se tiene es un regalo de Dios y aceptar la obligación de regresar a Dios a través de la Iglesia una ofrenda constante de tiempo, talento y tesoro. El Compartir se caracteriza por la hospitalidad, oración, formación y servicio.
3. Lo que se espera de nuestras familias de las Escuelas Católicas en la manera de vivir el Compartir, es lo mismo que se espera de todas las familias de la parroquia: **Esto es:**
  - a. Asistir a Misa los domingos y días de obligación en la parroquia.
  - b. Participar de los sacramentos en la iglesia.
  - c. Participar activamente en los ministerios de la parroquia.
  - d. Participar en los programas de educación de la parroquia para niños y adultos.
  - e. Ser consistentes en los valores morales Católicos en todas las áreas de la vida.
  - f. Completar una contribución anual de tiempo, talento y tesoro.
  - g. Hacer y mantener una contribución de Buena fe de su Tesoro con una meta del 8% de sus ingresos brutos a la parroquia y el 2% a otras organizaciones caritativas de su preferencia.
4. Cuando se habla de un compartir activo no es cuestión de dinero, sino que se trata de la práctica activa de la fe. Las escuelas Católicas no son primordialmente instituciones académicas; son primero y principalmente escuelas de formación de fe, valores morales, servicio y espiritualidad. El éxito de nuestras escuelas Católicas depende directamente del trabajo en conjunto con los padres de familia. Su Compartir activo en la parroquia no es solo deseado; sino que es crucial para todo lo que Ud. y nosotros podamos lograr para su(s) hijo(s).
5. La parroquia hará todo el esfuerzo necesario para asistir financieramente en la escuela Católica a los hijos de aquellas familias quienes hayan cumplido con las expectativas de un Compartir activo. Recuerde también que es importante avisarle a la parroquia/párroco si sus compromisos cambian debido a circunstancias imprevistas. El Compartir es un compromiso en conjunto que afecta a todos. No asuma que el párroco sabe las circunstancias personales por la que están pasando que les dificulta su generoso sacrificio de tiempo, talento y tesoro.
6. Como párroco:
  - a. Tengo la responsabilidad de cultivar y de formar familias como discípulos activos.
  - b. También tengo la responsabilidad ante Dios de ser buen administrador de los recursos financieros limitados de la parroquia. Por lo tanto, soy responsable en determinar si una familia está haciendo un esfuerzo de buena fe en vivir el Compartir.
7. Finalmente les quiero agradecer por dejarme ser parte de la formación de sus hijos en los caminos de la fe reconociendo ante todo que la fe será enseñada principal y primordialmente en el hogar.





## SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR PASTORS & CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES IN THE PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

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Our Catholic grade school (and high schools) is the mission of the entire parish. Only through the stewardship of all the parishioners are we able to maintain excellent schools without any government support. Therefore, since example is always the best teacher, I encourage you to continue to be (or become) an active steward in the parish.

Enrolling your children in a Catholic school is a partnership among the family, the parish, and the school. It is a privilege, and not a right.

There are three questions I would like to discuss with you (*both the parent and student*):

1. Why is Catholic Education important to you?
2. What do you expect from the parish in receiving this Catholic Education?
3. What can the parish expect from you? (*Or "How do you understand the relationship between stewardship and a Catholic education?"*)

### Alternative Suggested Questions (especially for new parishioners):

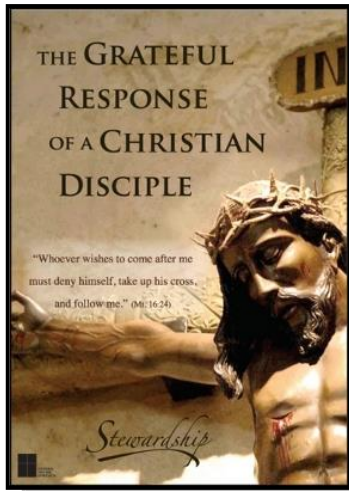
- Why are you a member of this parish and how are you active in it now?
- Why do you want to enroll your children in a Catholic school?
- Why should the parish provide your children with the means of a Catholic education this year?
- How are you willing to commit to the parish now?

### **Let's review some basic notions of how the Stewardship Way of Life works:**

1. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.

2. Stewardship is a choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and accepting an obligation to give back to God through the parish a consistent and honest offering of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is characterized by hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.
3. What we expect of our Catholic School families in the way of stewardship, we expect of all families in the parish. We expect:
  - a. Attending of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation at the parish
  - b. Participation in the sacramental life of the church
  - c. Active participation in parish ministries
  - d. Participation in the parish religious education programs for children and adults
  - e. Consistent Catholic moral values in all areas of life
  - f. Completion of an annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure
  - g. Making and keeping a good faith pledge of treasure, with a goal of 8% of your gross income to the parish and 2% to other favorite charities
4. The question of active stewardship is not a matter of money, but of active practice of the faith. Catholic schools are not primarily academic institutions; they are first and foremost schools of formation in faith, moral values, service, and spirituality. Our Catholic schools can succeed only if they work hand in hand with the parents. Your active stewardship in the parish is not just desirable; it is crucial to everything you and we want to accomplish for your child.
5. For families which fulfill these expectations of active stewardship, the parish will make every effort to assist them with the funding of their children's Catholic education. Also please remember, if circumstances change in a family's commitment to the parish, it is important to inform the parish and/or pastor. Stewardship is a relational commitment. It must not be presumed the pastor is aware of personal circumstances hindering your generous sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure.
6. As pastor:
  - a. I have the responsibility of cultivating and forming families as active stewards.
  - b. I am also accountable to God for being a good steward of the parish's limited financial resources. Therefore I am responsible for determining if a family is making a good faith effort at living out the Stewardship Way of Life.
7. Finally, thank you for allowing us to be partners with you in forming your child(children) in the ways of the Faith, recognizing it is in your home that the faith will be first and most importantly taught.





## SUGERENCIAS PARA EL ACUERDO DE LA FAMILIA PARROQUIAL DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA:

Le agradecemos primeramente por inscribir a su hijo en una escuela católica. Creemos profundamente que una educación católica es el mejor regalo que un padre puede darle a su hijo. Su hijo no solo recibirá una educación académica excepcional, sino que también, recibirá una formación rica acerca del Camino del Compartir que preparará a su hijo para la vida y le dará a su familia entera la oportunidad de crecer en la fe y la santidad, lo que es muy importante. Su hijo estudiará la religión diariamente, rezará a menudo, practicará los valores morales, aprenderá a practicar la autodisciplina y el discipulado, y se espera que ponga las necesidades de otros antes de las suyas.

Las escuelas católicas primarias, secundarias y preparatoria son una misión sumamente importante de la parroquia entera. Sólo a través del Compartir de todos los feligreses tenemos la habilidad de mantener unas escuelas excelentes sin apoyo del gobierno. Ya que el dar ejemplo siempre es la mejor manera de enseñar, les animo a continuar a ser (o empezar a ser) miembros activos en su parroquia.

Inscribir a sus hijos en una escuela católica es el participar en una colaboración entre la familia, la parroquia y la escuela. No es un derecho, sino un privilegio.

Al firmar el Acuerdo de Familia Parroquial, pido que ambos los papás y los hijos que van a ser estudiantes en estas preguntas:

- ¿Por qué es importante la educación católica para ustedes?
- ¿Qué espera de la parroquia al recibir esta educación católica?
- ¿Qué puede esperar la parroquia de ustedes? (O "¿Cuál es la relación entre el Compartir y una educación católica?)

### Otras preguntas alternativas sugeridas (especialmente para nuevos feligreses)

- ¿Por qué son miembros de esta parroquia y cómo participan activamente en este momento?
- ¿Por qué quieren ingresar a sus hijos en una escuela católica?
- ¿Por qué debe la parroquia proveerles a sus hijos con los medios para una educación católica este año?
- ¿De qué manera están dispuestos a comprometerse a la parroquia ahora?

Estas preguntas expresan el Acuerdo de la Familia Parroquial. Para ayudarles a reflejarse más profundamente en sus respuestas a ellas, me gustaría revisar algunos aspectos de cómo el Camino del Compartir funciona.

- El Compartir es la respuesta agradecida de un discípulo Cristiano que reconoce y recibe los dones de Dios y los comparte con los otros por el amor de Dios y su prójimo.
- El Compartir es la decisión de hacerse un discípulo de Jesucristo por reconocer que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios y aceptar la obligación de devolverle a Dios a través de la parroquia una ofrenda honesta y consistente de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. El Compartir se caracteriza por la hospitalidad, la oración, la formación, y el servicio.

- Lo que esperamos de nuestras familias de las Escuelas Católicas es lo mismo de lo que esperamos de todas las familias de la parroquia. Esperamos que:
  - Asistan a Misa los domingos y los días de obligación en la parroquia.
  - Participen en la vida sacramental de la iglesia.
  - Participen activamente en los ministerios de la parroquia.
  - Participen en los programas de educación religiosa para los niños y los adultos.
  - Sean consistentes en los valores morales católicos en todas las áreas de la vida.
  - Completen una contribución anual de tiempo, talento y tesoro.
  - Hagan y mantengan una contribución de Buena fe de su Tesoro con una meta del 8% de sus ingresos brutos a la parroquia y el 2% a otras organizaciones caritativas de su preferencia.
- La hablar del Compartir activo no tiene que ver con el dinero, sino que se trata de lo máximo que responde el discípulo. Las escuelas católicas no son primeramente instituciones académicas; son primero y principalmente escuelas de formación en la fe, los valores morales, el servicio y la espiritualidad. Nuestras escuelas pueden tener éxito solo si coinciden con el trabajo de los padres. Así pues, su Compartir activo en la parroquia, no sólo es deseable, sino que es crucial para todo lo que ustedes y nosotros queramos lograr para su hijo.
- Para las familias que logran estas expectativas del Compartir activo, la parroquia hará todo esfuerzo para ayudarles con pagar la educación católica de sus hijos.
- Este acuerdo depende del Compartir continuo de la familia. También, favor de recordar, si las circunstancias cambian para comprometerse a la parroquia, es importante informarle al párroco y/o la parroquia. El Compartir es el comprometerse mutuamente entre la iglesia y la familia. No se debe presumir que el párroco es consciente de todas las circunstancias personales que puedan obstaculizar su sacrificio generoso de talento, tiempo, o tesoro.

Como pastor:

- Tengo la responsabilidad de cultivar y formar a las familias como discípulos activos y en el Compartir.
- También, tengo la responsabilidad ante Dios de ser un buen administrador de los recursos limitados de la parroquia. Así pues, tengo la responsabilidad de determinar si una familia hace un esfuerzo de buena fe para ser unos miembros activos de la parroquia.

Honestamente, lleno de oraciones, y con la verdad, revisen el Acuerdo Familiar Parroquial. Si usted no puede cumplir con todas las obligaciones mencionadas, por favor, no lo firme. Podemos trabajar con ustedes para encontrar otras maneras que sus hijos pueden recibir la formación en la Fe Católica.

Si usted decide firmarlo, entonces sea fiel. Sea fiel por el beneficio de los otros feligreses quienes se sacrifican por la educación de los niños de la parroquia y más que nada, hágalo por su propia santidad y salvación.

En fin, les quiero agradecer por dejarme ser parte de la formación de sus hijos en los caminos de la fe, reconociendo que la fe se enseña principalmente y más importantemente en su hogar.



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