

St. Martha's Catholic Church
2016-2017 Family Stewardship Covenant
Covenant between God and

(Write your name(s) here)

Whereas I acknowledge that God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom and the source of all that I have and I am and ever will be.

Whereas I acknowledge that God has uniquely given me: myself, my body, my intellect, my talents, my material goods, and the time to use these gifts to extend His kingdom.

In response to and acceptance of God's many and varied gifts I recognize and am grateful to God. Prayerfully remembering that God calls me to keep my life in balance, I respond by committing to nurture and share these gifts in the following manner:

To God:

- Create a time for individual prayer.
- Regularly read the Bible.
- Create an environment and commit to meditating daily for ____ (fill in a number) minutes.
- Other: _____

To Family:

- Spend undistracted time with one member of the family regularly.
- Reserve time for weekly family conversation.
- Create time for prayer as a family.
- Give time to those taking care of a family member.
- Help those who help others (for example, those caring for persons with long term illnesses or disabilities)
- Use time in the making of an extended family.
- Enliven time by creating good, nourishing memories for the younger family members (create family traditions.)
- Have at least ____ (fill in number) family meals each week.
- Other: _____

To Community:

- Visit the sick and the elderly in person and by phone.
- Work to improve the safety of the community.
- Respond to cries for human need and misery.
- Work to protect the environment of the community.
- Work to improve the quality of life for disabled persons.
- Respond to the plight of the homeless.
- Work to remove discrimination, prejudice, racism, and sexism (starting with yourself).
- Respond to the presence of the hungry in the community.
- Visit and assist the grief-stricken.
- Visit a homebound individual once a month.
- Visit and stay with an individual needing constant care in order to give the primary caregiver a respite.

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- Commit to support the charities of your choice by donating ___% of your income.
- Other: _____

To St. Martha's:

- Pray for the parishioners in the bulletin "Pray For" list.
- Pray for the pastor.
- Pray for the staff.
- Pray for the ministries.
- Pray for the finances.
- Commit to at least one activity at the parish.
- Join at least one new ministry over the next year.
- Commit to financially support your parish by donating ___% of your income.
- Commit to financially support the Counting Our Blessings Campaign by donating ___% of your income.
- Other: _____

To Catholic Church:

- Resolve to become one in mind and heart with Pope Francis.
- Fast for the success of Pope Francis' work.
- Sacrifice for the growth of the Church in the Third World.
- Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- Reserve time for Eucharistic Adoration.
- Resolve to become one in mind and heart with Cardinal DiNardo.
- Fast for the success of Cardinal DiNardo's work.
- Sacrifice for the growth of the Church in our archdiocese.
- Pray for peace throughout the world.
- Pray for the men and women who are working to protect us here, at home and abroad.
- Devote time to causes and activities that increase respect for life.
- Commit to financially support DSF and other Archdiocesan special collections by donating _____% of your income.
- Other: _____

Please keep this list close at hand to help you remember the commitment made between you and God. Additional copies of this covenant are available in the parish office, parish website and in the Narthex on the welcome kiosk.

*Touched by the love of Jesus we embrace and encourage community
through the sharing of gifts and talents.*