

*Prayer
Service
Sharing*

Stewardship

A Way of Life

Fall 2005

Stewardship Resource Packet

SHARING

**Catholic
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of
Green
Bay**

Office of Stewardship and Pastoral Services

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Dear Pastors, Parish Directors and Stewardship Coordinators:

A frequent question received over the past year has been: “What will be the future direction of Stewardship in the Diocese of Green Bay under Bishop Zubik?” We are very pleased to report that the future of Stewardship in the Diocese of Green Bay is very secure and even stronger under our new Diocesan Leadership and Diocesan Re-alignment. Pastoral Services, has a new title, The Office of Stewardship and Pastoral Services to reflect the core values adopted by the Diocese. The first core value statement is:

*We seek to respond daily to God’s love in gratitude
and in prayer, with compassionate service,
generous sharing, reconciliation and justice.*

Our Diocesan Vision Statement starts with these words: “*We, the faithful Catholic community of the Diocese of Green Bay, embrace stewardship as our way of life.*”

In this Stewardship Packet on Sharing, we have changed the format a little, but included our usual bulletin stuffers, intercessions, family ideas, etc. Our first big new item this year is a “Way to Go” Award Campaign. Your parish members have been extremely generous over the years with the special appeals for contributions to causes like the World’s Poor and the Tsunami Relief. We are asking each parish to collect the information on the dollar amounts your parish collected over the past year and show your gratitude to the contributors with a Special Award at a Liturgy or with a notice in the bulletin or newsletter. Instructions and ready to print award forms are enclosed. If you need to re-format them, they are downloadable at the diocesan web page.

Fr. Mike Seis, Pastor of the Diocesan Dominican Republic Mission, is working on opening a new school in a remodeled theatre/warehouse in Elías Peña. We hope you will consider some means of sharing parish treasure with the St. Teresa of Avila Educational Center, either by a program with your school/religious education students or a parish wide appeal.

In Christ’s Peace,

Thomas M. Donovan and Susan Perrault
Consultants – Stewardship and Pastoral Services

“WAY TO GO” AWARD CAMPAIGN

Stewardship has three key components. There is Stewardship of *Prayer, Service and Sharing*. Within the Stewardship of Sharing, there is the Sharing of Treasure. With the “Way To Go” Award Campaign, we are requesting parishes to extend a Stewardship of Gratitude message to your own parish members for their Sharing of Treasure. Over the past year, and in fact for many past years, the parishes have abundantly shared their treasure with the multiple special collections called for each year.

We have listed the various campaigns in combined format on the award page. In addition to the Diocesan Appeals, your parish may have other local appeals, for which we have included a line to let your parish members know of such special collections. We would suggest it be presented to the parish at a Special Liturgy, with the approval of your Pastor/Parish Director. The form can also be downloaded from the Green Bay Diocesan Stewardship Web page, www.gbdioc.org to re-format as needed.

The 2004-05 Special Collections within the Green Bay Diocese were:

- 1.) **World Mission Sunday** - October.24, 2004 For the Propagation of the Faith
Latin America and Eastern Europe.
- 2.) **Retired Religious** - December 12, 2004
- 3.) **The Worlds Poor** - March 6, 2005 collections for Peter’s Pence, Catholic Relief
and Campaign for Human Development.
- 4.) **The Holy Land** - March 25, 2005
- 5.) **The Home Missions/Own Own Needs** - May 15, 2005
collections for Catholic Home Missions,
Black and Indian Missions, Catholic
Communication & Evangelization and
Catholic University of America.
- 6.) **Bishop’s Appeal** - February 5/6, 2005

The specific amounts each parish gave to these special collections can normally be retrieved from your parish office, bookkeeper, or business administrator. However if you have difficulty retrieving this information, contact Thomas Donovan at 272-8286, local, or toll free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8286 or email to tdonovan@gbdioc.org. He will access diocesan records for your parish with the approval of your Pastor/Parish Director.

WAY TO

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PARISH

**FOR LIVING AND SHARING A
STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE IN
SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH**

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RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$ _____
THE WORLD'S POOR	\$ _____
HOLY LAND	\$ _____
HOME MISSIONS/OUR OWN NEEDS	\$ _____
BISHOP'S APPEAL	\$ _____
ASIA TSUNAMI DISASTER	\$ _____
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August 1, 2005

Dear Members of the Parishes throughout the Diocese of Green Bay:

For sometime we've been thinking about getting out a special letter to you because of your many years of support to the Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic. I realize that every time a donation is sent for the mission you receive a letter from the office, but not directly from us here in the mission.

I first of all want to say that we're very grateful for your long and generous support of the mission. Many donors have been faithful supporters of the mission long before I ever started here. In the name of our people here we want to express to you our sincerest thanks.

I'm starting my tenth year at the mission yet it seems like it was just yesterday that I arrived. Everyday I'm learning new things. I guess that's why I like the ministry so well. Everyday brings a new adventure. You may have something planned, but the plan can change in a second. For example, just the other day while at the parish office there was a knock at the door. I answered the door to find three representatives from Catholic Relief Services who were experiencing some difficulties in trying to cross the border into Haiti. I dropped everything I was doing and it was off to the Haitian border to give assistance!

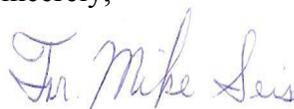
The work here in the mission is as busy as ever. Since Fr. Bill Hoffman left here in 1998 I'm the only priest on staff for the two parishes. We have a staff of two women religious and two laymen and scores of volunteers. We have nearly one hundred small communities that make up the two parishes. Last year we celebrated over 1,200 Baptisms and hundreds and hundreds of children participated in religious education. We have projects to build chapels, build latrines, repair homes, repair roads, charity assistance to the poor and many other efforts. We're starting a forestry project and hope to be producing 10,000 to 15,000 fruit trees a year. These are just some examples of what we're doing.

Our newest and biggest project is our school at the main parish in Elias Peña opening at the end of this month. This first year we will operate kindergarten to seventh grade with a limit set at 250 students. We hope that by the second year the school population will double. One of the Sisters from the parish will be our principal. The community is very excited. Please keep us in your prayers.

As you can see, things are moving at our Diocesan Mission thanks to the help of so many people and groups back home in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your financial support makes a big difference in the lives of many people.

In closing, again I want to say thanks for your help. It is our hope that we'll do better in keeping you informed of our work here in the mission. God bless you.

Sincerely,



Fr. Mike Seis

Pastor-Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic

Funds needed to make school dream a reality

Dominican Republic school would charge \$5 a month tuition

By Heather Chrudimsky

For The Compass – The Official Newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 22, 2005 edition

Work is progressing on schedule for a new school to open Sept. 5 at the Green Bay Diocese's mission in the Dominican Republic, said Fr. Mike Seis, pastor. But an additional \$50,000 in donations is needed to make the parish school a reality, he said.



The school, in the former parish theater, is across the street from Santa Teresa de Jesús Church, where Fr. Seis, a priest of the Green Bay Diocese and a native of Algoma, is pastor. The building had been a warehouse for the past two years.

The school, Centro Educativo Santa Teresa de Jesus Fe y Alegria (St. Teresa of Avila Educational Center - Faith and Joy), is part of a school system located in many Latin American countries.

The staff of eight teachers are all from the Elías Piña area in the western part of the country, abutting the border with Haiti. Most are recent graduates. The Fe y Alegria school system trains the teachers, but pays no salaries, which for now will come from donations and other sources, Fr. Seis said. He hopes the Dominican Republic government will eventually pay the teachers' salaries.

Fr. Mike Seis Fr. Seis was interviewed while he was home on his annual visit to the Green Bay Diocese to see family and friends.

He said that, when he left Elías Piña, the school project was right on track. "They just installed the windows and the cement was being poured for the second story."

Work on the pre-kindergarten through seventh grade school started six months ago and has cost approximately \$15,000, which was donated by parishes, schools, individuals and groups in the Green Bay Diocese. The additional \$50,000 is needed to complete the project and to outfit the school with chairs, desks, bathrooms, books, and other essentials, Fr. Seis said.

First-year enrollment will be limited to 250 and Fr. Seis said he is confident they will hit that mark. Dominican Republic schools run in two shifts - morning and afternoon. Fr. Seis said the parish hopes to add eighth grade the next year.

The school will charge a maximum tuition of \$5 a month, he said, and special consideration will be given to the poor and students who haven't been able to attend school in the past.

"The school has been a long time dream of many parishioners because of the poor educational system in this part of the country," Fr. Seis said.

The area's public school system is far from sufficient, he said, because of numerous strikes that leave little time for education.

The school's start fuels the hope of parishioners and Fr. Seis to convert an old Dominican Republic dictator's mansion and property in Elías Piña into a vocational technical high school.

"That is the second part of the dream and plan," he said.

But first, he said, they are praying for a successful finish to the remodeling and a successful start to the school year. That's why he is focusing on raising money to keep the school open and running.

"We'd like to invite more parishes, schools, groups and individuals to help us in this big endeavor," Fr. Seis said.



Donations can be sent to the Green Bay Diocese Mission Parish School Project, P.O. Box 1506, Green Bay WI 54305-1506.

Ideas You Can Use Parish Wide



Sharing Focus

- ❖ Develop a Wish List for all parish programs and publicize on a regular basis.
- ❖ Create a parish-based lending library/media center:
 - recruit, train and support volunteers to design, oversee, set-up, and manage a library/media center
 - invite donors to sponsor the purchase of books, media, supplies, materials, subscriptions, furniture, storage units, software tracking systems, etc.
 - sell books/media as a fundraiser-encourage folks to donate books/media back to the library as they finish reading/viewing
- ❖ Help build a school in the Dominican Republic sponsored by our own Green Bay Diocesan Mission. See enclosed letter and article.
- ❖ Order *The Little Blue Books* for the Advent 2005 season from the Diocese of Saginaw. These individual, inexpensive personal prayer booklets are growing in popularity nationwide. Consider “gifting” every parishioner with their own booklet this Advent. Quantity discounts available – combine orders with nearby parishes to cut costs. See www.saginaw.org home page for ordering information and quantity pricing discounts.
- ❖ Thomas Donovan has a FREE sample packet of vast and varied parish pledge cards available for your perusal. Kit includes background info and how-to helpful hints to consider while designing a version for use in your parish. Call Thomas at ext. 8286 or email tdonovan@gbdioc.org to request this FREE parish pledge card resource.
- ❖ Check out the Alternative Christmas Celebration options featured at www.simpleliving.org – a multitude of great ideas for use parish wide. The “*Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?*” 2005 booklets are now available (Catholic Version ID# XB05-CA-A). Quantity discounts available. Consider combining orders with a nearby parish for best prices.
- ❖ Sponsor an alternative Christmas shopping project in an effort to counter materialism and over-consumption. Two potential well-respected partners can be found at www.alternativegifts.org and www.heifer.org.

Ideas for Use at Home

Sharing Focus



For Parents/Grandparents

Moonjar Save-Share-Spend Bank

Nurture stewardship as a way of life with this inexpensive, very easy to use home kit. A colorful, three-section bank and at-home discussion/activity guide (cleverly disguised as a savings passbook!) is available for only \$5.95. Learn more about Moonjar banks at www.moonjar.com or call toll-free 1-888-323-0001. Can also be found at most educational learning shops.

For Couples

Plagued by thoughts of materialism and over-consumption? Check out the *Affluenza* "Diagnostic" Quiz as a couple and together compare your scores, thoughts and reactions. See web site www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/ "Treatments" and "Follow-Up" care also available at site as well as additional informative reading and resources.

For Extended Families Across the Miles

Keep connected across both miles and generations with a family service project. Consider creating a cooperative quilt to donate to a charity or fundraiser. Check out the *Quiltmaker's Giftbox* which features Jeff Brumbeaus' award winning picture book *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, fabric and instructions for creating an individual quilt square as well as assembly instructions for a useable quilt. Invite each family unit to customize a square to then be collected and combined to assemble an entire quilt. Better yet, gather the entire family together for a reunion and an old-fashioned quilting bee! Take plenty of pictures before donating the finished quilt to a worthy cause.



Read More About "Sharing"

Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier (ISBN 0689824602, Hardcover; Simon & Schuster, 2001) For many children in our country, attending school is routine and they may take educational opportunities for granted, unaware there are many children throughout the world who are as not as fortunate. Great lead into the Diocesan sponsored mission school building project in the Dominican Republic.

The Gift by Bishop Robert Morneau (ISBN 0809166739, Hardcover; Paulist Press, 2000) Beautifully written picture book for all ages – wonderful discussion starter on stewardship themes. A timeless lesson about sacrifice and gratitude readers will carry in their hearts forever.

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau (ISBN 0439309107, Hardcover; Scholastic, 2001) Award winning heartwarming folktale based on the power our possessions can hold over us – bound to generate conversations and family sharing on a variety of stewardship values.

Ideas for Educators



Sharing Focus for Staff

- As you plan for prayer and faith sharing opportunities as a staff, check out the Monthly Meeting Prayers found on the diocesan web page (www.gbdioc.org) under the Pastoral Services link. These downloadable, ready-to-use prayer services have strong stewardship themes and are based on Sunday readings.
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- Stewardship Lesson Planning hyperlinks:



Public Broadcasting's Award Wining Special *Affluenza* comes with a variety of lesson plans suitable for use in 5th grade through high school. Help your students understand consumerism in light of our materialistic society. www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza



Learning To Give – An Action of the Heart – A Project for the Mind seeks to educate children and young people regarding the importance of service and sharing for the common good. Includes special sections for educators, youth workers, and catechists. Catholic resources can be found under the Faith/Denomination tab. www.learningtogive.org

Help your students grasp the potential one person, even one child, can truly make in this world with help from a young Canadian Catholic boy named Ryan Hreljac. Ryan began making a difference in this world at the age of six through a school based stewardship effort to assist in the development of drinking water wells in Africa. Lesson plans, classroom materials, a Vacation Bible School Kit, and much, much more can be found at www.ryanwell.ca

- Free quarterly on-line subscription for Catholic Educators: *To Teach*. Published and distributed at no charge via email by the United States Conference Of Catholic Bishops. Every issue features ideas, resources, prayers suitable for lesson planning and enhancing Catholic learning environments. This past summer's edition focused on "Celebrating God's Abundant Gifts." See previous editions archived on-line as well as subscribe at www.usccb.org/publishing/toteach.shtml
- Check out the *Ideas You Can Use At Home* handout developed for the Fall 2005 Stewardship Sharing Resource Packet on the diocesan web page (www.gbdioc.org) under the Stewardship tab and send a copy home with each of your students.

Ideas for Educators



Sharing Focus for Committees & Boards

- Work with the Stewardship Committee to celebrate Catechetical Sunday and the Life Long Faith Formation programs in your parish/school this September 18th or 25th. This year's nationwide theme: *Life Is Christ* – features a strong emphasis on the stewardship cornerstones of prayer, service and sharing. Outstanding resource kit available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Available in both English and Spanish. See materials at www.usccb.org/publishing/catsun/



- The National Observance of The 20th World Youth Day (ages 18-39) here in the U.S. is set for October 23rd. Invite the young adults from your parish who attended The 20th World Youth Day Celebration in Germany to share their experiences in a witness talk at the October 23rd weekend liturgies. Check out the World Youth Day Planning Guide published by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry for ideas, prayers, blessings and a liturgy guide that highlight stewardship themes. Find it on the web at www.nfcym.org under the Publications tab – *Spirit of God: Source and Strength Resource Manual 2005*.

- Are your parish/school teens (ages 16-19) attending the amazing biennial National Catholic Youth Conference *Winds of Change* - in Atlanta this October 27th – 30th? It's a true "stewards – in – training" experience! Catholic teens from across the country gather to pray, build community, develop leadership skills and then return home filled with the Spirit. Network with the Stewardship Committee on ways to engage these Spirit-filled young people upon their return. For more information on the *Winds of Change* Conference, see www.nfcym.org and click on the *Winds of Change* tab.



- Collaborate with the Stewardship Committee in the development of a stewardship sharing project in support of the new school being built in the Diocese of Green Bay's Dominican Republic Mission Parish at Elías Peña. More information on the new school project can be found in the Fall 2005 Stewardship Sharing Resource Kit or see *The Compass* newspaper article featuring an interview with Father Mike Seis on the web page (www.gbdioc.org) under the Stewardship tab, 2005 Sharing Kit.

Faith Sharing & Homily Hints



Sharing Focus

Cycle A

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2005
Matt 22:34-40**

For Matthew's community, restating the Lord's command to love all without partiality was an extremely important teaching. What issues in our community need our financial stewardship to bring about justice and equality for every human being?

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2005
Matt 25:14-30**

The servants' rewards and punishments are meant to remind us of the importance of using our gifts wisely and well. What steps might you implement towards an evaluation of what percentage of your income goes to the Church and other charitable causes?

Cycle B

**2nd Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2005
Mark 1:1-8**

During Advent, the Scripture readings remind us to prepare for Jesus' coming. We aren't waiting for a baby in a manger but an adult Jesus who has been victorious over sin and death. What can you do to "get ready" this Advent? What organizations might you financially support who help people prepare for Jesus' coming?

**Epiphany Sunday
January 8, 2006
Matt 2:1-12**

The three wise men gave the best gifts they could possibly give to the child Jesus. Take time today to reevaluate your gift of treasure; is it the best you can give at this time?

Liturgy & Prayer Helps



Sharing Focus

Music

- ♪ *All That We Have* GP 618/GC 601
- ♪ *Lead Me Lord* GP 715/JS 655/
MI-BB
- ♪ *Whatever You Do* WC 916/MI-BB/GP
558/GC 670/JS 613
- ♪ *Center of My Life* MI-BB/GC 598/
JS 548/GP 593
- ♪ *What Return Shall I Make* © Ambrosetti
1995 International Liturgy Publications

Intercessions

- ✝ That we may learn to be more grateful and more generous...
- ✝ That we may know the joy and happiness that comes to us when we share...
- ✝ That we may happily share all the gifts that have been given to us...
- ✝ That we may learn to share what we have without expecting something in return...
- ✝ That we may give as generously to God as God has given to us...
- ✝ That we may learn the difference between what we need and what we want...
- ✝ That we may be grateful, dear Jesus, for all the many gifts given to us...

A Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from Your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Adapted from materials from the Office of Stewardship/Archdiocese of St. Louis

Sharing Bulletin Fillers



We decorate
our  with
goodness and charitable deeds.

“Be generous, sharing what you have.”
1 Timothy 6:18

“Let him with two coats give to him who has none.”
Luke 3:11

“Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in the community and church.”

CONVERSION
is surrender to God in every
sphere of our human existence

“It is not how much we do but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give but how much love we put in the giving.”

Mother Teresa

Sharing Bulletin Fillers



We do not obtain the most precious gifts by going in search of them but by **waiting** for them.
- Simone Weil



Observe carefully what occupies you most.
- Johannes Tauler

"For your heart will always be where your riches are."

Matthew 6:21

"What return shall I make to the Lord for all that the Lord has given me?"

Psalms 116:12



what have we done to the garden entrusted to us?
- Bishop Robert Morneau

Looking Ahead



Upcoming opportunities to network, plan, promote and highlight the Prayer, Service and Sharing themes integral to a Stewardship Way of Life

September 18/25

Catechetical Sunday Parish Celebrations

Check with School/Faith Formation Boards, Committees, and Staff for parish-based celebrations designed to bless all the stewards who so graciously share their faith, time, and talents teaching and catechizing. This year's nationwide theme: *Life is Christ*—features strong stewardship themes and tie-ins. Ready to use, multifaceted resource kit with a multitude of activities and materials in both English and Spanish available from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/publishing/catsun



October



Respect Life Month

Committed stewards practice a consistent ethic of life. National observance of Respect Life Month begins each year on the first Sunday of every October. Network with your parish's Respect Life/Social Concerns committee – what plans might be in place? A month's worth of ready made resources available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in both English and Spanish can be found at www.usccb.org/prolife

October 1

Monthly Parish Meeting Prayers

The October, November, and December versions posted to the diocesan web page (www.gbdioc.org). Find these downloadable, ready to use prayer services designed around stewardship themes under the Stewardship banner or email us at PastServ@gbdioc.org and we will send you the link.

October 7 – 8

The Gathering of The Church of Green Bay

Highlighting our diocesan wide emphasis on Stewardship – A Way of Life, the 5th annual celebration of *The Gathering* at St. Norbert College in De Pere invites all Catholics to two days of life-long faith formation opportunities. Join six Featured Speakers, choose from 263 breakout sessions and tour the 50+ exhibits. Special, specific opportunities for Stewardship Committees as well. Need a copy of the 95 page registration catalog? Contact the Office of Stewardship and Pastoral Services (toll free 1-877-500-3580, ext. 8310) today. Order *free* multiple copies for all your committee members.

Make A Difference Day 

October 22, 2005

October 22

15th Annual Make a Difference Day

A nation-wide day of doing good! Over two million “good stewards” participated last year—big event of interest for youth groups, young adults, and families. Check out the various *free* resource guides at www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index. Brainstorm stewardship possibilities with appropriate parish staff.

November 20-27

Way To Go Parish Wide Promo

A quick-n-easy way to celebrate and affirm the generosity and sharing practiced in Your Parish, Your City, Diocese of Green Bay. See enclosed flyer for more info and planning guide.



Mission Statement

The Catholic community of the Diocese of Green Bay, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in unity with the universal Church boldly proclaims the Gospel of Jesus, prayerfully worships in word and sacrament, and compassionately serves those in need, in order to advance God's Kingdom of justice and love.

Core Value Statements

SPIRITUALITY and STEWARDSHIP

- We seek to respond daily to God's love in gratitude and in prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and justice.

EVANGELIZATION and LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

- We strive to spread the good news of God's love and to nurture the gift of faith through catechesis, education, reflection and daily living.

RESPECT and COLLABORATION

- We seek to identify, affirm the valued gifts of each person, especially the gifts of the poor, in pursuing the Church's mission.

Vision Statement

We, the faithful Catholic community of the Diocese of Green Bay, embrace stewardship as our way of life. Grateful for our abundant blessings and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, generously share our faith and faithfully witness God's love, compassion and mercy.

As a family of believers we are united in the Eucharist. When we share the Word and celebrate the sacraments, grace transforms us into the Body of Christ.

As individuals we strive to imitate the life of Christ. The Holy Spirit is calling each of us to serve one another through the vocation of married or single life, consecrated or ordained life. We rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in union with the Church universal to bear fruit in works of charity and justice, in advancing God's Kingdom here on earth.

Hearts are opening. Minds are changing. Lives are transforming.

