

STEWARDSHIP AND THE EUCHARIST

We know that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives in Christ. Through the Eucharist, we share in a unique union with Christ himself. Indeed, the Lord said in the Bread of Life Discourse: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56).

In this union with Christ, we are also united with one another. In the Eucharist, we reaffirm our participation in the New Covenant, we give thanks for all the gifts and blessings that we have received, and we increase our level of commitment to one another as members of His Mystical Body. Stewardship is the true disciple's response to the fruits of the Eucharist.

Our parish has been incredibly graced by an understanding of the spirituality of stewardship. We have come to understand that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. In gratitude for these gifts, we have come to experience profound happiness in giving back to God the first portion of our time, talent and treasure to help build His Kingdom.

Let us, as good stewards, continue to prayerfully discern how the Eucharist can inspire us to concretely participate in the great work of restoring all things in Christ.

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