

## THE CHALLENGE

### Creating your action plan...

When you take the final step of determining the amount of your 3-year commitment, please consider the following.

#### Need a place to start?

The average Sunday Giving Commitment at our parish is slightly over \$2,000 per year. As a baseline, consider doubling your current gift for the next 3 years. This equates to a \$6,000 gift for those contributing the average. If you aren't currently making regular contributions, please consider the parish average as a baseline for your gift - if you are able. Can you envision giving more? Perhaps triple or quadruple?

#### How do I get there?

Now that you've established the amount you want to target for your pledge, reflect upon your budget assumptions. Where can you cut back to fulfill this commitment to increased and sacrificial giving? The following are a few examples of luxury/excess in many of our daily lives.

- Restaurant meals
- Entertainment and vacations
- Clothing purchases
- Extra curricular activities
- Electronics costs (such as data plans for iPad)
- Magazine and entertainment subscriptions (such as Netflix)

*"In addition, we will continue to support the operations of Saint Clement Parish through our Sunday Giving Commitment as well as our other ministry commitments."*



*Saint Clement Parish*  
BELONG. PRAY. SERVE. GIVE. LEARN.

## DISCERNING YOUR GIFT

### A PERSONAL CHALLENGE

### You Have a Wonderful Opportunity...

to participate in a challenging campaign that will make a difference in the lives of people for years to come. Saint Clement Parish, through its ministries and facilities, will continue to provide help and hope in the name of Christ. The degree to which we will be able to do this is dependent on your prayerful response to the financial challenge.

### Every Person...

is being asked to thoughtfully consider God's call in your life as it relates to His desire for our parish. This brief guide is designed to lead you through a process of discovery.

### Very Soon...

you will be asked to make a three-year financial commitment to Saint Clement Parish that is over and above your regular giving. Our prayer is that, when you make this commitment, it will come out of a spiritual conviction guided by your sensitivity to God's leadership.



TO TEACH  
WHO CHRIST IS

## BEGINNING THE PROCESS

### **FIRST: How might I give back to God by serving others?**

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).*

### **SECOND: What are some reasons that should motivate you to give toward this project?**

*“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays and He will give back to you sevenfold” (Sir 35:10).*

### **THIRD: What attitudes does God like to see demonstrated in your giving?**

*“Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).*

### **FOURTH: What does it mean to share sacrificially?**

*“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood” (Mk 12:43b-44).*

### **FIFTH: What does a “sacrificial” commitment require of the giver and what would you be willing to do in order to contribute sacrificially?**

*“For according to their means, I can testify, and beyond their means, spontaneously, they begged us insistently for the favor of taking part in the service to the holy ones, and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God” (2 Cor 8:3-5).*

### **FINALLY: before determining your commitment, consider praying:**

*“Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for our parish as well as the broader church?”*

## DISCOVERING WAYS TO GIVE

As you consider your commitment, consider these things:

### **SACRIFICE: What does “SACRIFICE” mean to me?**

Your commitment should be built on the theme *“Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice.”* Your three-year commitment should be a demonstration of your personal definition of sacrifice.

### **PROCESS: What am I willing to do or do without?**

Seek to translate “SACRIFICE” into a plan of action.

### **AMOUNT: What kind of commitment will my sacrificial efforts generate during the next three years?**

**Be willing to set a standard of sacrifice for others to follow.**

Take a personal inventory:

**Prayer:** What time and energy can I commit to strengthening my prayer life?

**Service:** How will I use my Gifts and Talents in the next 3 years?

**Income:** How will I share my Income?

**Assets:** What item(s) do I own that I can give to my parish (real estate, stocks, bonds, personal possessions, etc.)?

**Income:** What income could I dedicate from rental properties, certificates of deposit, interest bearing accounts, etc.?

**Sacrifice:** What can I give up, do without, postpone, or alter in order to give to my parish?

**Consider investing from as many areas as possible!**