

September 17, 2007

Dear Saint Rita Parishioner:

“Give and it shall be given to you...For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6: 38)

In the letter you received last week, I asked you to reflect on the many blessings you have received and consider this as a time for personal renewal in your relationship with the Lord. I asked you to think about stewardship of time, talent and treasure and how you and/or your family might make a new commitment to giving.

Your Time - For many of us, time is our most precious commodity. The demands of work, school, community, parish and family can often be overwhelming. Occasionally, when we feel out of control, we must get off the merry-go-round and rethink what life is all about. We must seek to balance our time against what we know we must do. I would hope that you consider reexamining your priorities to enhance the time you spend developing your relationship with God and others.

Your Talent – The Spirit has gifted each one of us in a number of ways. It may be in music, art, writing, organizing, planning, driving a car, supervising a project, or even making other people laugh. Our parish provides each and every one of you with opportunities to use these talents in a variety of parish ministries. I hope you will consider committing a greater share of your talents to our parish and community.

Your Treasure - Your financial support is a major reason why we are able to continue to provide our religious, educational and social ministries. The primary source of our parish’s financial support is the weekly offertory collection. Stewardship of treasure involves committing a regular portion of your income to our church, our diocese (through the Catholic Ministries Appeal), and our community. I hope you will consider committing a percentage of your annual income to our parish and making your contribution on a regular basis.

This weekend at all Masses, you will hear from Deacon John McDermott, who will share ways to become more engaged as a member of Saint Rita Parish. Additionally, we are holding a **Stewardship Ministry Fair** after each Mass, which will highlight the many ministries offered at our parish.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles J. Latus
Pastor

*Enclosed is the **State of the Parish Report** – which provides a comprehensive look at our parish over the past year as well as our vision for the future. Should you have any questions on this report, feel free to contact me or any member of the parish staff.*