



December 1, 2004

Dear Pastors, Parish Directors and Stewardship Coordinators:

With Lent starting on Feb. 5, 2005, we wanted to have this Stewardship of Prayer Packet to you in early December. I am very pleased with the scope of materials we have gathered to continue this year's focus on Family Stewardship, along with materials for the most central of our Family Prayer activities, Weekly Liturgy.

One of the great blessings of the Green Bay Diocese is to have Bishop Robert Morneau with us. Bishop Morneau is writing a book of Lenten Reflections to be published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. It will be available for purchase at americancatholic.org or in bookstores throughout the Diocese shortly after the first of the year.

Patti Christensen was hired by Pastoral Services as a new Consultant for Family Ministry. Patti has prepared several flyers on family and children prayers, including: 8 ways to Pray with Your Kids, The ABC's of Prayer, and Favorite Family Stories. Andrea Sabor of TCE has also contributed, Creating a Prayer Space at Home.

Pope John Paul II declared this, "The Year of the Eucharist". We are including ideas from our Worship Office, "Suggested Ideas for Prayers, Celebrations and Programs in honor of "The Eucharist, source and summit of the life and mission of the Church."

We have included information from the Diocese of Saginaw for those parishes wanting to purchase the **Little Books**. Information on ordering, volume pricing is enclosed.

Flyers on Retreats and Spiritual Direction are included as many of our parishes have strong traditions of scheduling parish retreats. Stewardship Committees may want to discuss the many possibilities of starting new parish traditions, such as having an Evening of Reflection or even a full weekend retreat.

Please mark on your calendar, March 11, the date of the Diocesan Stewardship Day, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in DePere. Our Keynote Speaker is Lois Locey, a nationally recognized speaker on Family and Parish Stewardship.

In Christ's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom. Donovan".

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