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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,

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