

We experimented with this project here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center this past Advent. We invite you to try it during Lent this year with your parish staff, committee members, volunteers, catechists, Council members, etc. – perhaps your entire faith community! We would be happy to share the letter below as well as the pledge card on the reverse side – we will send an attachment via email for you to then edit, tweak, add, delete, whatever you need to do in order to make your own version for Lent or any other time of the year most appropriate for your local setting. Email your request for the Stewardship Prayer Pledge Project draft copies to

pastserv@gbdioc.org

And let us know how it turns out – we would love to hear about your experiences!

Dear Diocesan Pastoral Center Employees,

The Stewardship Coordinating Committee hopes to encourage Diocesan Pastoral Center Employees to a deeper commitment to prayer during Advent this year. In this effort, we offer some ideas outlined below to assist you to reach a little further, stretch a little higher and move your own personal bar of prayer and devotion just a mite more during this Advent Season. Please consider filling out the *Prayer Pledge Card* and return it to us, anonymously of course – this is really between you and God! The Stewardship Coordinating Committee wants nothing more than to assist you in an effort to increase your own prayer life this Advent Season. Please consider joining us.

Ideas & Sources

- 1.) The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' web site features this resource: *New American Bible: Today's Reading and Psalm*. Visit www.usccb.org/nab and click on "Today's Reading and Psalm".
- 2.) Jesuit Publications has a web site, *Daily Prayer On-Line*. Subscribe for a free daily meditation to be sent directly to your desktop. Find the link at:
www.churchresources.info/pray/subscribe.php.
This source includes options for those utilizing palm pilots or mobile digital assistants as well. You can link to another source: *Mobile Gabriel* and receive additional daily reflections such as: *E-Meditation, Mobile Disciples, or CNS News* (Catholic News Service)
- 3.) A website close to the heart of all with roots to the Emerald Island might be the *Sacred Space* sponsored by the Irish Jesuits. Scroll to the bottom to sign-up for a free daily prayer/reflection at.:
www.sacredspace.ie/
- 4.) The Eucharist is always a source of prayer, worship and community any time of the year. This Advent, might each of us commit to coming to work just a bit earlier once each week of Advent to attend **morning Mass** at 7:45 a.m. in the St. Joseph Chapel?
- 5.) The Departments of Stewardship & Pastoral Services and Evangelization & Worship have purchased copies of the **Little Blue Book** for Advent published by the Diocese of Saginaw. Please contact us for your free copy - stop upstairs, email, or call ext. 8310.
- 6.) Brother Steve Herro, Office of Social Concerns, has ordered a supply of **Advent Prayer Guides** from the National Office of the Campaign for Human Development. E-mail sherro@gbdioc.org to secure your free copy.

In Prayerful Devotion and Trust in the Lord,

Susan Perrault
On Behalf of the Stewardship Coordinating Committee

Thomas Donovan

**STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER
ADVENT - 2005
COMMITMENT CARD**

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 d.) Other prayer site of my choice. (If you are willing, please list here so we can add to our resources)

- 2.) **I commit to attending morning Mass during Advent:**
 Daily Once each week Once

- 3.) **I requested and will read daily the prayers and reflections from:**
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