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Enclosed you will find a brochure which explains the call to Stewardship. Our theme this year is:

“LIVE WITH PURPOSE... DISCOVER STEWARDSHIP.”

Stewardship has three parts, and it is not just about money! Every parish member must participate in Stewardship if the parish is to grow and prosper.

The first part of Stewardship is prayer. Prayer is the natural response to God in our lives. We are bent toward God. He is a personal God who loves us and seeks to be near us. Prayer is the way closeness to God happens. Our hearts are seeking a higher being to worship, love and serve. That is why we so strongly encourage attending Mass at least once a week. Developing a daily habit of prayer and time with the Lord is critical to finding full purpose and meaning in daily life.

The second part of Stewardship is service. Service is really a response to our Lord as we begin to discover in prayer how much He has given to us. We naturally want to give back by serving Him. Parish life offers many opportunities to serve. The areas we can serve also connect us in a real way to the lives of other women and men who are trying to live a Christian life. This provides us support, and we also provide support and encouragement for others.

The third part of Stewardship is alms giving. What comes out of prayer and service is a deeper awareness that what we have materially is all given to us by a loving Heavenly Father. As this awareness grows we become less attached to material things and are more willing to share what we have with others.

We are also asking you to consider a financial commitment to St. Clare for Stewardship, which covers our standard operating expenses such as utilities, salaries, supplies, maintenance, etc. We have tried to reduce these expenses over the last two years. At the present time we need 220 families to contribute \$100/month to cover all of our expenses. We are trying to reduce our dependence on fund raising projects so that we can put all of our volunteer resources into ministry and outreach.

Please complete the enclosed “CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT CARD” and return the card to the office as soon as possible. Please note that you can sign up for automatic withdrawal from your bank account or credit card.

Thank you for your contribution. Every contribution helps. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God Bless you,

Fr. Ed Tlucek