

## What is Catholic Stewardship?

### Hearing and Responding to the Call

Everyone has a *calling*, which is another way of saying that your walk with God is personal. When you hear the call to *gratitude* and *responsibility*—in your friendships and family, in your work, wherever you go—then taking the next step to answer that call is where Catholic stewardship may be clearly seen.

Stewardship is not simply making donations or taking care of the building and grounds. It is a spirituality—hence a way of life—made of four parts:

- Receiving the gifts of God with gratitude
- Cultivating them responsibly
- Sharing them lovingly in justice with others
- Standing before the Lord in a spirit of accountability

It is up to you to determine how you will live out this stewardship way of life. You will not be alone, however. Millions of fellow Catholics are traveling together with you.

### Jesus Is the Steward

It begins with remembering our Baptism, when we became followers of Jesus Christ. From this call flows the commitment to Christ that makes stewardship possible—and deeply rewarding. However, this is a commitment to a lifetime of action, and it requires sacrifice. Through following Christ, we have the benefit of the role model of sacrifice for the greater good, a model of self-giving and loving service.