



IMMACULATE HEART^{OF}MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Dear friends in the Lord,

Our parish Stewardship Renewal is now underway, and registered households have received a Stewardship Commitment Form in the mail from me. Extras are available in the church narthex to-day.

The annual Stewardship Renewal asks from every household each year:

- A Time & Talent Commitment through one or more of our parish ministries;
- A Treasure Commitment to our parish offertory, which supports all the work of our church.

I thank Julie Gerlach, Mike & Sarah Callahan, and Steven Hendriks for sharing their personal experience of Christian Stewardship at our masses this weekend. After each Mass next weekend our parish ministries and organizations will be represented at the Ministry Fair, a showcase of discipleship opportunities to assist you in making a Time & Talent Commitment for the year ahead. Please plan now to visit the Fair and enjoy the camaraderie and the complementary food and drink.

I also humbly ask you in your Treasure Commitment this year to pledge some increase in financial support of the parish. As you know, I ended the lease on the house in Sagamore Hills that served as a temporary rectory for eight years, and Father Javier and I have moved into small apartments until the parish is able to build a permanent rectory across Briarcliff Road. I pray that that will happen early next year, but it will depend entirely on an increase in our offertory income sufficient to service the additional debt.

If you are able to offer a commitment of any kind in this year's Stewardship Renewal, you will have my deepest gratitude. Thank you for your good stewardship of IHM.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,