



# Stewardship in Challenging Times

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# A Time of Great Challenge *and* Opportunity

## Challenges



## Opportunities

- Loss of “outside” income sources, such as festivals, golf tournaments, and rentals
- Keeping our parishioners engaged during this time of physical distancing
- Economic hardships falling upon our parishioners
- Catalyst for realizing the aspiration of Stewardship fully funding our church & ministries
- Digital engagement that also effectively connects with our youth and Young Adults
- Inspiring benevolence to assist our fellow parishioners and community in need



# Nurturing Generosity

*“People don’t give to Need. They give to **Vision.**”*

- **Communication** – stewardship is about discipleship – fundraising is not about money, but about relationships.
- **Online giving** – using digital means to continue practices of weekly giving to the parish – digital stewardship, tray giving, or “light a candle.”
- **Trust** the generosity of the faithful. Resist temptation to scold, heighten anxiety, or frame giving as an obligation.
- **Invite** people to a deeper relationship (with one another, with the church, with Christ) through acts of discipleship, including prayer, study, giving.

Source: IUPUI Lilly Family School of Philanthropy – Lake Institute on Faith & Giving



# A Call to Action for Parishes

## 1. Form a Parish Stewardship Ministry Team

- Form your stewardship team
- Build a team of 2-3 dedicated stewards with a variety of gifts, training and experience
- Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills

**Include a variety of age groups including a 25-35 year old. Each perspective is critical**

## 2. Make a Plan-of-Action - *today*

- Schedule & assign tasks, communication, print materials and contact with members

**Recognize that Stewardship Ministry is ongoing – not a single event / activity**

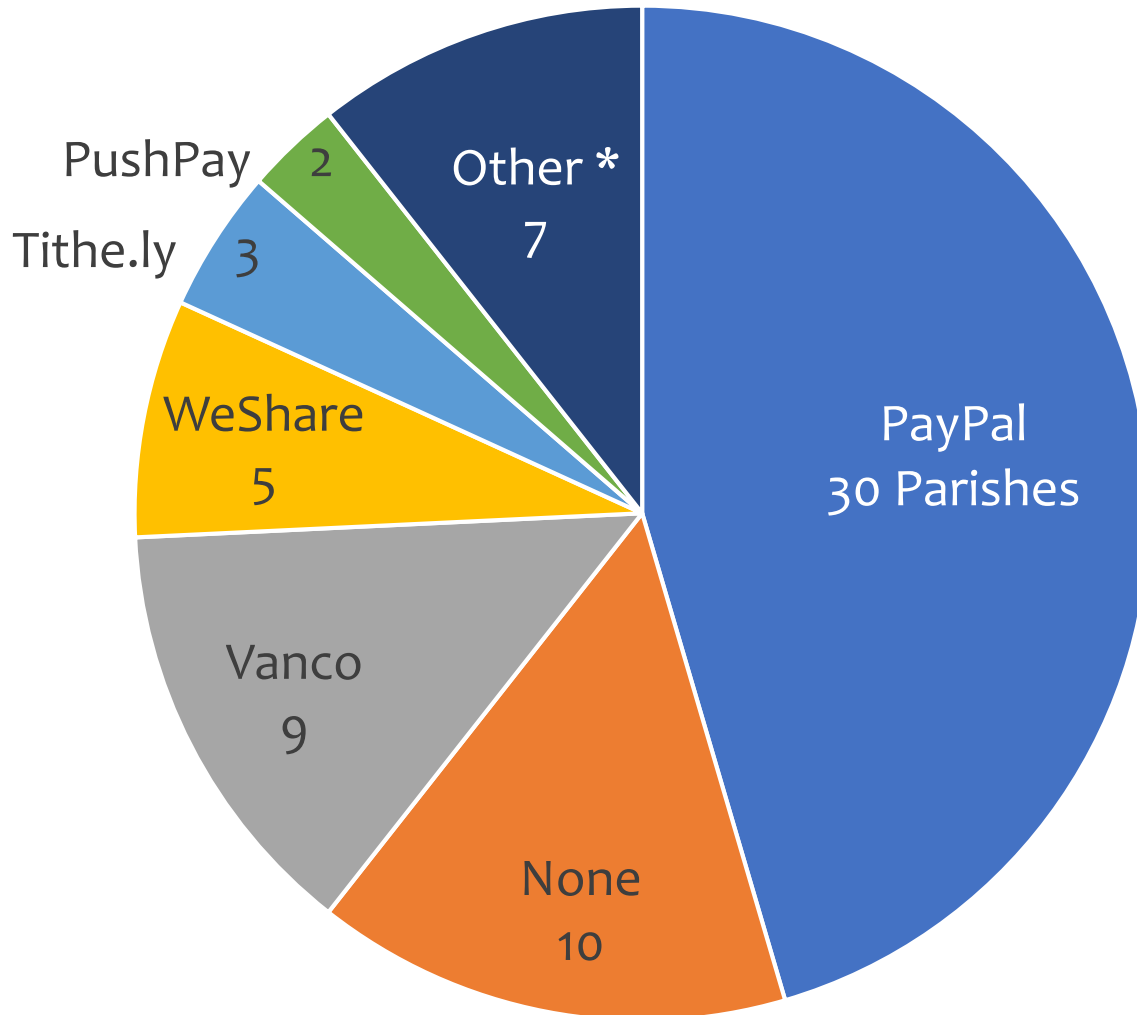
## 3. Enable Technology for Giving and Communication

- Set up online giving and eventually set up a giving kiosk (iPad) at the church
- Make a plan for general communication and personal contact with parishioners
- Schedule and assign tasks for telephone, email, social media, and website communication
- Recognize that Stewardship is keeping people connected and engaged with the church
- Be creative in finding media & methods for connecting with members



# Online Giving Platforms Used by our 66 Parishes

Enable ➡ Promote ➡ Sustain Online Giving



- 56 of our 66 parishes (85%) have implemented Online Giving via their websites
- PayPal is the most popular and used by 30 parishes. The Archdiocese has also published a helpful PayPal set-up guide at <https://bit.ly/paypal-goarch>
- “Other” represents single-parish platforms: Abundant, Aplos, BluePay, Breeze, ParishSoft, PaymentXP, Square



# COVID-19 Stewardship Ideas and Suggestions

- Ask parishioners to advance or speed-up annual Stewardship fulfillment
- Request increased Stewardship commitments, for those blessed with the capacity to do so
- Personal outreach to your most generous parishioners to support the parish ministries and outreach in this critical time
- Establish a Benevolence Fund to assist those in need
- Promote buying of gift cards from parishioner businesses, then collect the cards for distribution to other individuals or organizations in need
- Digital Stewardship Campaigns or Special Appeals (e.g., in lieu of Festival)
- Bill Marianes' Corona Contribution Challenge



# Stewardship Resources

## Archdiocese Stewardship Resources

<https://www.goarch.org/departments/stewardship>

## Archdiocese Stewardship Campaign Materials

<https://www.goarch.org/-/2020-stewardship-campaign-resources>

## GOA COVID-19 Resource Center Home Page

<https://www.goarch.org/covid19>

## Archdiocese COVID-19 Digital Toolkit for Parishes

<https://www.goarch.org/-/covid19-parish-toolkit>

## Archdiocese Online Giving Parish Toolkit

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i7meys966qdc53v/AAAHXzKEwRNACpislb aOHxKKa?dl=o&preview=OnlineGiving-GOARCH-Toolkit.pdf>

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# Closing and Next Steps

## ❖ **My Commitment to You:**

- ☐ Formation of the Metropolis Community of Stewardship Leaders that will meet monthly/quarterly to assist our parishes

## ❖ **My Requests:**

- ☐ If you have a Parish Stewardship Ministry Leader, provide their name and contact information to me at [stevenpappas2@gmail.com](mailto:stevenpappas2@gmail.com)
- ☐ If you do not have Stewardship Ministry Leader, please identify one and I can get them the resources needed to get started
- ☐ Provide feedback, ideas, and successful practices that we can share across our parishes

