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## MANUAL OVERVIEW

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The purpose of this manual is to help each parish go step by step through a parish renewal of time, talent, and treasure. Each parish is different in their understanding and practice of stewardship. Therefore, this manual is organized for the novice and experienced parish family.

Planning and conducting the annual parish stewardship renewal is very important if stewardship is to come alive and remain alive in your parish and become a “*way of life*” for parishioners in general. A renewal cannot be accomplished effectively in one or two weekends. It takes several weeks of planning, communication, education, homilies and lay witness presentations to spread the message and its importance.

While there are many ways to conduct a renewal, the processes in the following pages have been gleaned and designed so each parish will receive results and bring its family closer to Christ. Once a parish has begun a stewardship renewal process, it should be conducted annually.

Likewise, it is very important to keep stewardship information and the invitation to participate in front of the parishioners on a year-around basis. This effort should be supported by the pastor and conducted under the efforts of those responsible for stewardship in the parish, preferably a parish stewardship council.

During the renewal process, the schedule of parish activities should be such that the parishioners can focus specifically on their personal and spiritual decisions regarding the use and volunteering of their time, ability and tithe/alms for the parish community, diocesan and universal Church.

The following guidelines reflect the suggested sequencing of activities for conducting the parish stewardship renewal.