

# **SEVEN HABITS OF A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

## **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

### **1. Create and Maintain a Parish Vision.**

- Review, critique and communicate the parish vision periodically.
- Integrate the Parish Mission Statement in all major decisions.
- Involve parishioners in the annual planning process.

### **2. Provide a Quality Worship and Prayer Experience.**

- Critique your Eucharistic celebrations periodically.
- Provide other communal prayer experiences.
- Provide adult faith formation.

### **3. Create an Atmosphere of Hospitality and Inclusiveness.**

- Commission greeters to serve at Masses.
- Accommodate the physically impaired.
- Make time for parish social activities.

### **4. Empower the Parishioners.**

- Give parishioners opportunities to provide input into parish decision-making.
- Provide ample ministerial opportunities.
- Extend personal invitations to parish service and follow up promptly.

### **5. Enhance your Parish Outreach Efforts.**

- Create opportunities for evangelization.
- Provide outreach to the poor.
- Raise awareness of community needs.

### **6. Ensure Accountability and Transparency.**

- Publish semi-annual reports.
- Utilize a Stewardship Education Committee.
- Provide adequate communications to the parish.

### **7. Teach Stewardship.**

- Introduce the parish to stewardship through a formal process.
- Integrate stewardship formation in the life of the parish.
- Ask parishioners to make annual commitments of their own gifts to the parish family.