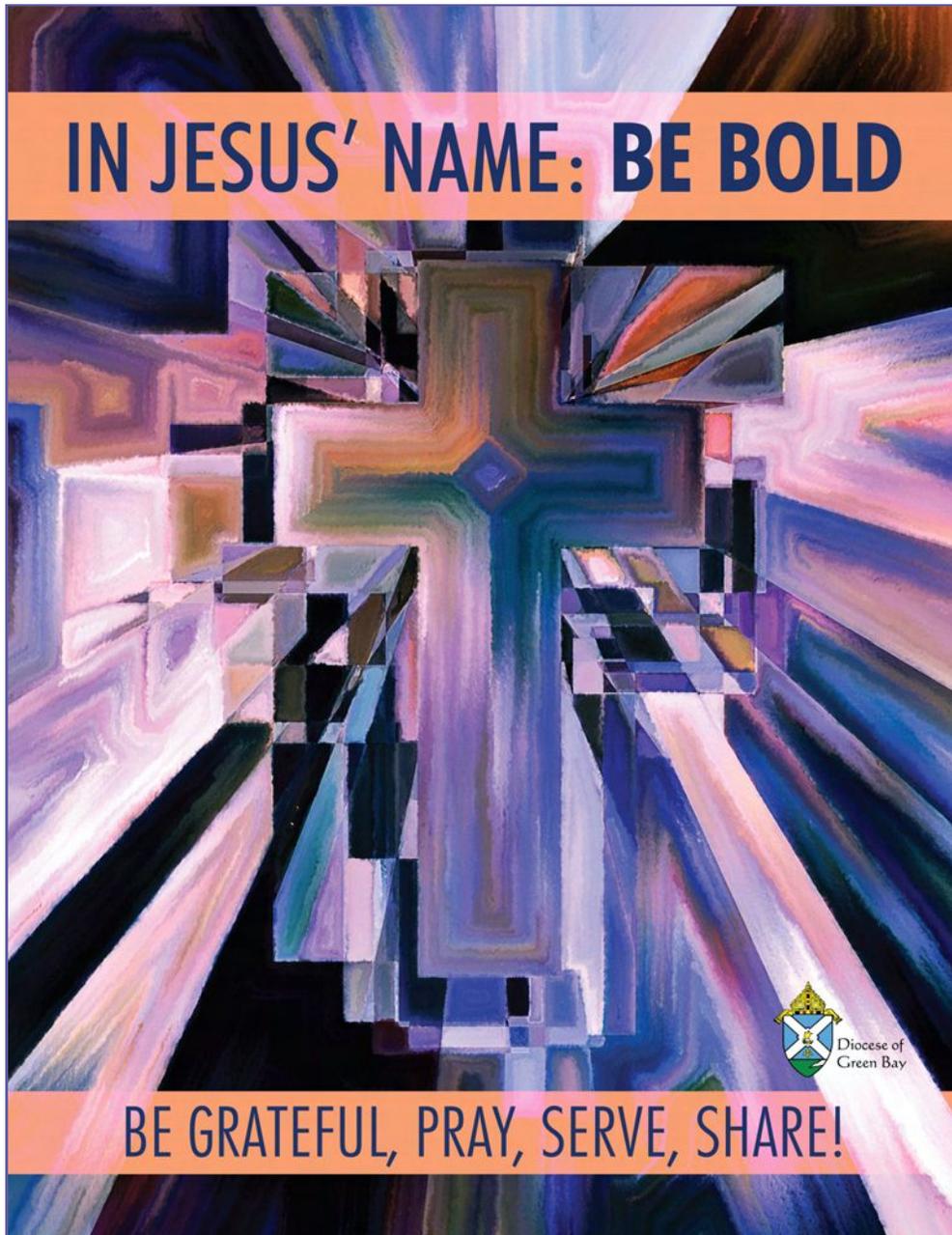


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IN JESUS' NAME: BE BOLD



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BE GRATEFUL, PRAY, SERVE, SHARE!



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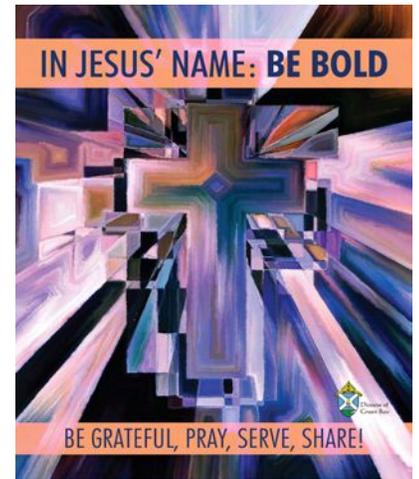
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*A Missionary Journey into the New Evangelization
for the Diocese of Green Bay*

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Parish Resource Packet



A LIFE LIVED IN IMITATION OF JESUS

Welcome to the fifth annual celebration of Stewardship Weekend in the Diocese of Green Bay. This year we will continue to spotlight phase two of Bishop Ricken’s Mission Map in *Disciple’s on the Way*. Our 2017 theme, *In Jesus’ Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* reminds us that when we offer our daily lives in Jesus’ name, our daily decisions, our way of life changes and our joy abounds. Our ability to boldly step outside our human nature and to become the grateful disciples of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing will only happen if we are able to identify who Jesus is in our lives

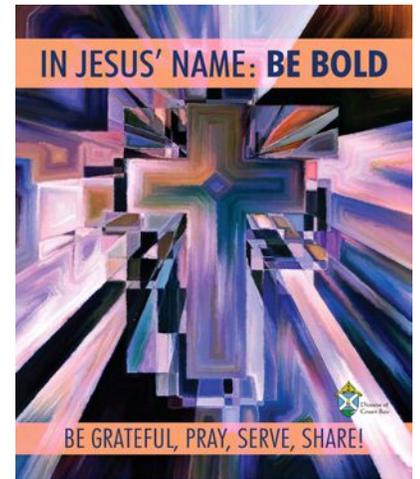
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Theme Background



THEME BACKGROUND

As human beings we have an idea what it means to intentionally do something for a loved one. We may be part of a heart or cancer walk to honor or in support of a family member, a dear friend or neighbor. When our loved ones pass, we often initiate or contribute to a memorial in the person's name. It is not unusual to hold words of wisdom as well as encounters with them deep in our hearts. Being in a relationship and knowing someone intimately often inspires us to act out of love, admiration and affection. So it is, with the life of a Christian.

This year's theme, *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share*, speaks to not only intentionally living out of gratefulness and love to honor the risen and ever present Jesus, but to do it in a bold manner. There is a question though, that we have to ask ourselves before we can boldly be "all-in" with living our lives in Jesus' Name. Jesus posed it to the Apostles. It comes from the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20, "*And who do you say that I am?*" Who we believe Jesus is and the importance we place on being in relationship with him, will be in direct correlation to the boldness, gratitude and generosity in our lives. There truly are no shortcuts. Just as we invest in an act of love for a family member, friend or neighbor, our motives need to be authentic.

The pathway to becoming a boldly, generous steward is answering the question of who Jesus is in my own life. Is he Savior, friend, teacher, Lord? Has my life changed or am I different because of my encounters with Him? When I live my life for Him, do I experience joy and peace? Wherever we are at on the journey it is our perfect starting point for moving forward.

Many of us are familiar with ending our prayers with *In Jesus' Name* when we are praying for particular needs either privately or as a community. We follow the direction of Jesus in John 14:13-14; *And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.*

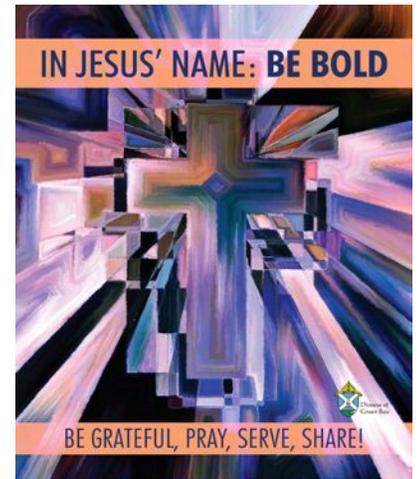
To be a Christian steward is to move from asking to include honoring by following in the footsteps of Jesus. We offer our gratitude in Jesus' name. We make time and space in His name to build our relationship with Him. We seek to understand our unique gifts to serve others in His name. We offer generous portions of our financial blessings in His name. We joyfully recall what Jesus has done for us and what He continues to do and we are not shy about it.

This journey is definitely worth celebrating! Everything in His Name! Happy Stewardship Weekend!

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Background Resources and Ideas for Liturgy



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BACKGROUND RESOURCES

- ☐ *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* - Stewardship Theme Background Resource
- ** *The 2012 Letter of Proclamation from Bishop Ricken* which states the rationale for the Diocesan wide celebration of Stewardship Sunday.
- ** Stewardship Basics: *Be Not Afraid, (updated 2016)* Session 1 of Six Week Small Group Study on Stewardship
- ** Use "*Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken*" four - one minute video clips of Bishop Ricken talking about the various components of stewardship.

Select Appropriate Ideas for Your Parish

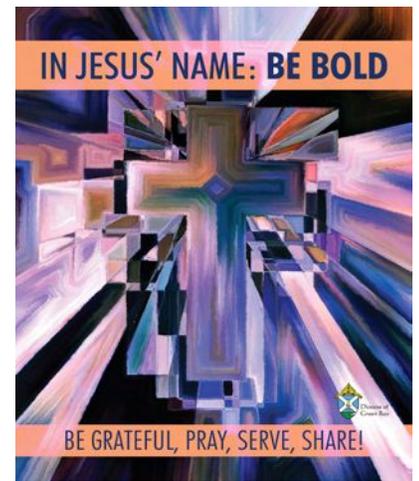
As you peruse ideas for celebrating Stewardship Sunday. Note that the simplest ideas are marked by a †.

IDEAS FOR LITURGY

- Create Greeters, Ushers, and/or Liturgical Minister's nametags with the *In Jesus' Name* design.
- Project the *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* design on a screen in the worship space (if applicable). Contact Mary Ann Otto for graphic at motto@gbdioc.org.
- Create a simple PowerPoint slide show with quotations from children, youth and adults that answer the question: **How do you live your life *In Jesus' Name*?** Put music with it, if possible. Show prior to Mass or after the Prayer of Thanksgiving (if applicable).
- † • Use *Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken* prior to Mass.
- † • Select songs from the Music Suggestion List with *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* emphasis.
- Focus your Homily (helps) on *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* theme.
- Consider additional Prayers of the Faithful.
- Include Lay Witness Talks.
- † • Pray the *Diocesan Stewardship Prayer*.

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Music Suggestions: Songs of Praise & Discipleship



All the Earth, Proclaim God's Glory	All That is Hidden
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	Anthem
As We Gather At Your Table	Center of My Life
Blest Be the Lord	Christ Be Our Light
Celtic Alleluia, Sending Forth	Glory and Praise to Our God
For All the Saints	Go Make a Difference
For You Are My God	Great Is the Lord
Glorious in Majesty	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Go Make of All Disciples	I Am the Vine
God Has Chosen Me	In Christ Alone
Here I Am Lord	I Will Choose Christ
How Great Thou Art	I Will Sing, I Will Sing
I Want to Praise Your Name	Lord, You Give the Great Commission
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful	Now Let Your Servant Go
Now Thank We All Our God	Not to Us, Lord
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior	Praise and Thanksgiving
Psalm 66: Let All the Earth	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Seek Ye First	Serving You
Servant Song	Shout for Joy
Table of Plenty	The Eyes and Hands of Christ
Take My Hands	The Spirit Sends Us Forth
The Servant Song	They'll Know We Are Christians
The Summons	Though the Mountains May Fall
We Gather Together	We Are Called
We Will Serve the Lord	We Are Sent Into the World
Whatever You Do	We Are the Light of the World

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Homily Helps

Stewardship Weekend Homily Ideas
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WIS 6:12-16

PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 THES 4:13-18

MT 21:5-19

(Download readings at uscgb.org/111316.cfm)

Note: if your parish is doing an annual recommitment/renewal this weekend, please tailor your comments to fit the components (gratitude, prayer, service, sharing) you will be highlighting.

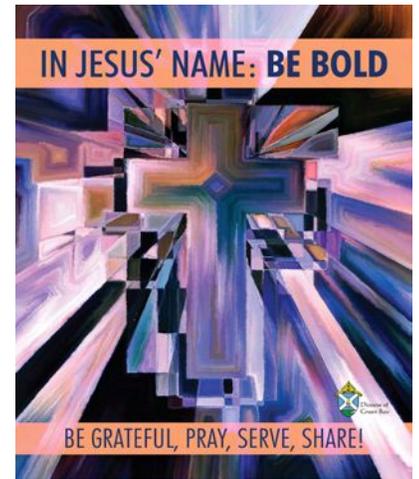
As we encounter Stewardship Weekend each year, the readings are apocalyptic in nature. The scriptures for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to truly understand the beauty of our gift of dying and rising in Christ and our need to “Stay Awake!” We are challenged to give up our lukewarm nature and to be passionate and intentional disciples in our everyday lives.

This year, we are celebrating Stewardship Weekend with the theme: *In Jesus’ Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share*. Paul’s comforting message in the passage from Thessalonians is a beautiful reminder of why our lives need to be shaped and formed to follow and honor Jesus. We have been redeemed through the cross and resurrection of Jesus and it is only because of Him that we have the promise of eternal life. For those of us who have been present at the passing of a loved one and watched them physically reach out and perhaps say the name of a loved one, we may understand in some small way of the beauty what our future holds. It is only because of Jesus.

As we hear *Parable of the Ten Virgins* proclaimed once again, do you ever wonder what the five virgins who missed the Bridegroom were actually so busy doing that they didn’t have time to purchase the oil for their lamps? Do you wonder where their passions and energies lied that preparing for this event was not a priority? Perhaps the question could be asked, did they know who the Bridegroom was? Why exactly did they miss the bus?

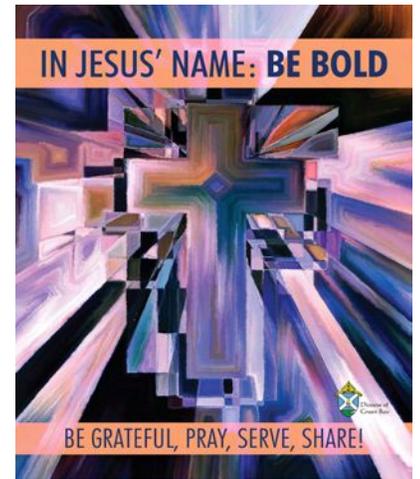
If the call to *stay awake, put our ducks in order, or keep our priorities straight* is the message of this Gospel, then our generation has an even bigger challenge. We have so many distractions it is very easy for us to forget to fill up the oil can. If in fact, God, Family, Work is the correct order of our priorities, then we should know, love and serve Jesus as well as we do are family members and our jobs. Yet, we are called to: *But seek ye first the Kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides.* (Mt 6:33) We need to be bold seekers!

Today our lives are so busy and often times with life sustaining activities and relationships which are blessings from God. No doubt, the Ten Virgins who missed the Bridegroom could have said the same thing. Perhaps in celebration of Stewardship Weekend we might reflect upon where in our faith-life of gratitude, prayer service and sharing we might be “lukewarm” and take a step up so we too one day will be ready to boldly welcome the Bridegroom with enthusiasm and joy. He is Coming!!!



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Prayers of the Faithful



Samples

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all of us and for our brothers and sisters around the diocese as we celebrate Stewardship Weekend, that we may gratefully, boldly and joyfully live *In Jesus' Name* through our faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing.

We Pray.

For each of us, that we may make preparing for the Bridegroom's return a priority in our daily lives by living passionately as a Christian steward in the *In Jesus' Name*.

We Pray.

For each of us, that we might truly examine our lives of gratitude, prayer, service, and sharing and determine if our lives boldly honor our Savior who gave us the gift of dying and rising with Him..

We Pray.

For each of us, that our intentional and joyful living of our discipleship through faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing will be a witness of the love of Jesus to all we encounter.

We Pray.

For our parish, that the gifts we boldly and generously share will help to serve our members, the local community and beyond, so we can help spread the Good News and help to bring others to Jesus.

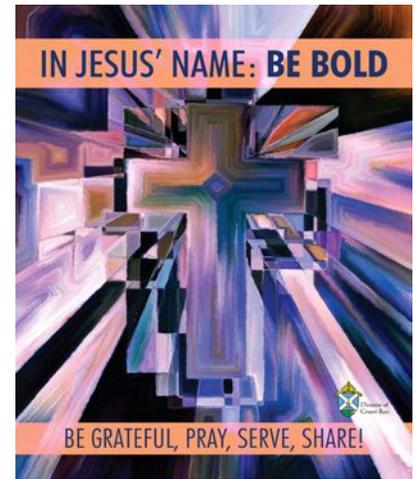
We Pray.

For each of us as we greet the Bridegroom one day, that our lamps overflow with a Christian life steeped heavily in love for the Lord and radical generosity.

We Pray.

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Lay Witness Talks



Presented after the Prayer of Thanksgiving

Length: Two Minutes

A parishioner speaking to parishioners is one of the most effective ways to share the stewardship message. A person's or couples' faith story can be an incredible testimony to connect in unique ways with parish members.

This year, the question for your lay witness speaker(s) to address is: **What does it mean to you to boldly live *In Jesus' Name*?** Your speakers should approach the topic from one of the components of stewardship: gratitude, faith-filled prayer, compassionate service, or generous sharing. The stewardship committee might want to select the focus.

Sample Outline for Your Consideration

Introduce yourself:

1. Perhaps define stewardship: *Stewardship, for all who profess to believe in Jesus Christ, is an expression of discipleship, where giftedness is acknowledged with gratitude, nurtured through faith-filled prayer, and expressed through compassionate service and generous sharing in the Church, the local community and the world.*
2. State which component you will be speaking about (gratitude, prayer, service, or sharing).
3. Discuss what the tipping point might have been for embracing stewardship as a way of living discipleship.
4. How have the lives of stewards they've known been an example to you?
5. Is there anything from this weekend's readings that spoke to you?
WIS 6:12-16, PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 1 THES 4:13-18, MT 21:5-19
6. Invite others to increase their grateful response to Jesus by becoming more grateful and generous stewards of their time in prayer, their talents in service and their treasure in sharing.

Make it Personal:

Consider using stories, favorite quotations, a favorite saint, etc. Include all areas of life.

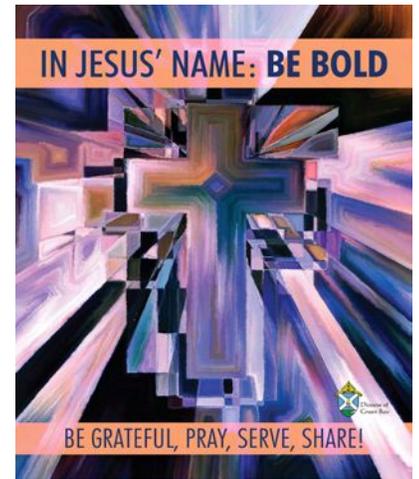
Considerations for Selecting Lay Witness Speakers:

- If possible, select different speakers for each Mass selecting someone who fits the demographic of that Mass (young families, retired, etc.).
- Choose someone visible to the community (greeter, choir member, lector, etc.).
- Person does not have to be a well-known public speaker but should feel comfortable reading their talk.
- Be sure to have your lay witness speaker(s) give a "written copy" of their presentation to the Pastor/Pastoral Leader or staff person a week before.
- Allow your speakers to practice in church.
- The celebrant should publically express his gratitude for lay witness speaker(s).

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Engaging Staffs, Councils, Committees, Parishioners, Children, Youth, and Families



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ENGAGE STAFF, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

- Make Stewardship Sunday an agenda item from August through September.
- ** Pray together using Committee Prayers focused on the *In Jesus' Name* theme.
- ** Place the *In Jesus' Name* design on agendas and communications.
- ** Place the stewardship definition on agendas.
- ** Use *Be Not Afraid* Session 1 (Background Information) for reflection and discussion.

ENGAGE YOUR PARISHIONERS

- ** Use the *In Jesus' Name* design on your communications.
- Offer (Stewardship) *Little Burgundy Books* <http://littlebooks.us/> to households.
- Offer Bishop Morneau's *Embracing a Generous Life* www.23rdpublications.com.
- Use Bishop Morneau's *Growing in Joy* www.newcitypress.com.
- Use letter of invitation.

ENGAGE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- Consider using Engaging Schools, Religious Education and Family ideas.
- Consider the Diocesan *In Jesus' Name* Excellent Essay Opportunity.

IDEAS FOR CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

- Encourage your parish bakers to make their best item for fellowship following Masses.
- Offer each family a helium balloon to tie to their mail box in celebration of Stewardship Weekend <http://www.promotionchoice.com> or search for other vendors.
- Create *In Jesus' Name* bookmarks/refrigerator magnets to distribute.

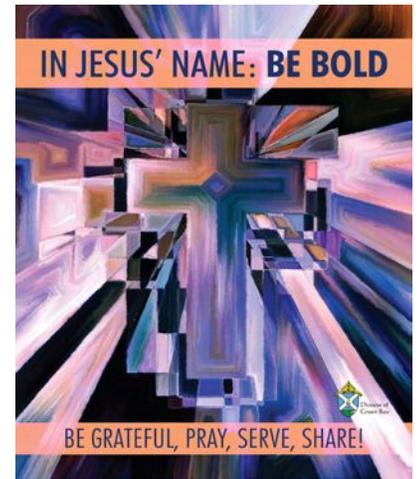
ANNUAL RENEWAL

- If your parish is using Stewardship Weekend as a time to ask parishioners to recommit to any or all of the components of stewardship (prayer, service, sharing) please contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@gbdioc.org for more resources.

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Pastor/Parish Leader Sample Letter of Invitation



Dear Friends in Christ,

Who do you say that Jesus is? How do you live your life according to your response?

As friends and followers of Jesus, these are some of the questions that we are called to consider many times during our lives. They are also at the foundation to this year's celebration of Stewardship Weekend.

On the weekend of November 11 and 12, we will be joining with other parishes from around the diocese and will be focusing on the Stewardship Sunday and the theme: ***In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share***. It will be a wonderful opportunity for each of us to reflect upon who Jesus is in our lives and our lived response to His incredible love for us. This will be another time that we can grow in our relationship with Jesus and each other.

I ask that each of you join in the wonderful celebration of Stewardship Weekend. Our parish staff, pastoral council and stewardship committee members have recommended that we celebrate *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* in the following manner:

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- _____
- _____

Please join us for all the activities as we celebrate God's unending love for us. If you would like to help with any the wonderful activities, please call _____.

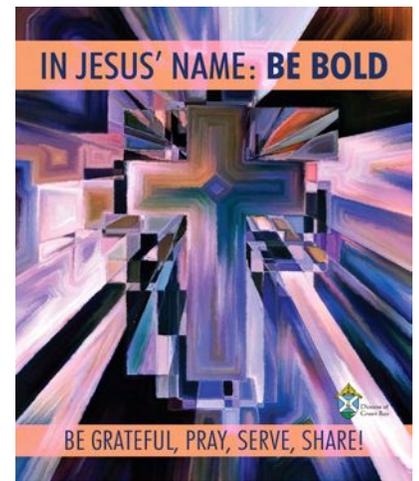
Thank you for all that you are and all the ways you *Boldly live In Jesus' Name* in our parish.

Many Blessings,

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Engaging Schools, Religious Education and Families



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Catechist Preparation:

Make stewardship weekend an agenda item at a staff/team meeting using some of the prior items for resources:

In Jesus' Name Stewardship Theme Background Resource.

** Use the 2012 Letter of Proclamation from Bishop Ricken which states the rationale for the Diocesan wide celebration of Stewardship Sunday.

** Stewardship Basics: *Be Not Afraid*, Session 1 of Six Week Small Group Study on Stewardship.

** "Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken" - four - one minute video clips of Bishop Ricken.

** Use Committee Prayers available on the diocesan website.

Preparing Children and Youth

- Be sure to have an age-appropriate understanding of stewardship and the theme for this year's celebration of Stewardship Weekend.
- Display the *In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share* image. Discuss with Children/Youth who Jesus is for them and why they would consider honoring Him with the way they live their lives.
- Begin each class/session by reciting "*In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share*" out loud and sharing how they followed Jesus or lived like Jesus and let their light shine through gratitude, prayer, service, and sharing since your last meeting.
- Create a parish bulletin board or rotating PowerPoint with pictures of your parishioners living and acting *In Jesus' Name*.
- Check out the Diocesan Excellent Essay Opportunity for children, youth, and households

Note: The following are suggestions that can be adapted in any way or any grade level.

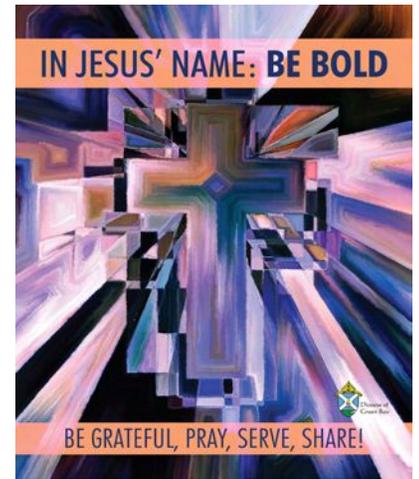
Kindergarten –Grade 5

- *In Jesus' Name*: Activity Calendar: Using input from the children, have each grade level create a monthly calendar of activities for their class. Each month, choose a way they will follow Jesus through an activity of gratitude, prayer, service or sharing.
- Read bible stories about Jesus. Ask the children to tell you how they hear Jesus expressing gratitude, praying, serving or sharing. How can they be like Jesus in the world today?
- Ask children to bring books or poems from home on gratitude, praying, serving or sharing. Read and have children share how it fits into the theme of *In Jesus' Name*.
- Have older children create skits about the theme and perform for younger children.
- Talk about past and present saints and how they boldly followed Jesus and did what he did and what he asked.

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Engaging Schools, Religious Education and Families (cont.)



Grades 6-8

- All grades could create and perform a skit or shadow skit that would illustrate the theme. Have a performance time with fellowship for the parents/guardians.
- **Grade 6: *In Jesus' Name*** Prayer Service: Youth create and lead a prayer service for others. Be creative using music and technology if possible.
- **Grade 7: *In Jesus' Name*** Service Project: Youth create and invite younger children to participate in a local service project.
- **Grade 8: *In Jesus' Name*** Sharing Project: Ask youth to create and lead others in an opportunity to share with those in need; i.e. a hike for hunger, diapers, “undies,” or food, etc. Explore opportunities and create announcements and promotions that highlight Stewardship Weekend.

High School-Youth

- Ask groups of teens to create an oversized storybook or a PowerPoint to read to others based on the theme ***In Jesus' Name: Be Bold, Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share.*** They need to create the story and do the illustrations.
- ***In Jesus' Name*** Resumes: Ask youth to work in small groups to write a resume that describes someone who boldly lives gratitude, prayer, service and/or sharing in honor of Jesus.
- Ask youth to be creative in putting together a list of ten ways youth can gratefully “step up” their time in prayer, the use of their talents in service and the generous sharing of their treasure. Put the list on your website, in your newsletter and/or your bulletin.

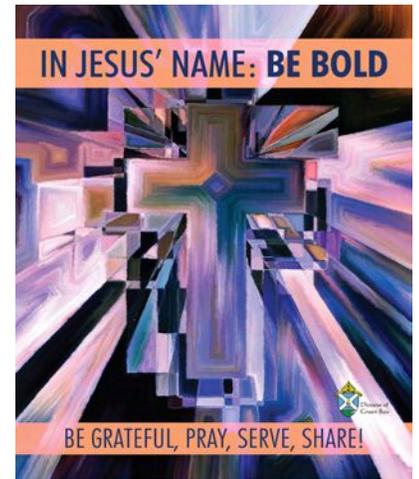
Families

- Gather families for a ***In Jesus' Name*** Service Day. They select the service that suits the age of their family. You meet prior to everyone going out for fellowship and prayer and again when you return to share stories and a meal.
- Families create a collage of memories from the past year imaging their life of Christian stewardship.
- Families share one meal a week where they discuss how they experienced someone living ***In Jesus' Name*** in their lives.
- Families make a plan to “step up” their gratitude, prayer, service or sharing in some way ***In Jesus' Name.***

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Excellent Essay Opportunity



WHAT: The Department of Stewardship and Pastoral Services is sponsoring an *Excellent Essay Opportunity* for children, youth and families across the Diocese of Green Bay in celebration of **Stewardship Sunday November 11/12, 2017**.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The top nine essays chosen (three in each category) will be printed in the *Compass* on November 9, 2017.

EXCELLENT IDEA: Have families, youth, children participating in this event present their essays after the Prayer of Thanksgiving at Mass or print them in your bulletin, newsletter or on your website to keep the message alive!

ESSAY DIRECTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Each group has a specific question to answer concerning how they actively follow Jesus as a disciple and steward. **Please use one or more examples from at least one of the following components of prayer, service and/or sharing.**

- If you are a family writing together please write 250 words. **What is one of your favorite ways to put Jesus at the center of your family life and live *In Jesus' Name*?**
- If you are in grades 3-5, please write 200 words. **Why do you think Jesus is our best example of someone who is (pick one) grateful, prays, serves or shares?**
- If you are in middle school please write 250 words. **In your life, who is one person that is an example of living *In Jesus' Name* in a bold way?**
- If you are in high school, please write 300 words. **When you graduate from high school, how would you like to be a bold steward of gratitude, prayer, service and/or sharing in the world *In Jesus' Name*?**

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by the Diocese no later than October 10, 2017 to be considered.

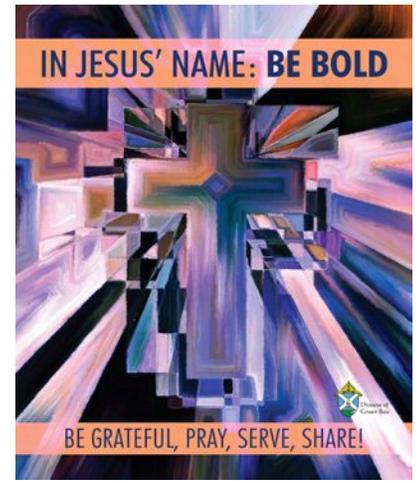
HOW: Have each participant fill out the brief application found on the next page and staple their entry to it. This will help us identify the parish and also make sure we have parental permission to print the essay if it is selected. If Parishes/Schools have multiple entries, the DRE /Principal should select the top three entries from their group to send to the diocese. All entries need to be received at the diocese by October 10, 2017 for consideration.

SEND TO: Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship and Special Project Director, Diocese of Green Bay,
PO Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825.

Questions: Please contact Mary Ann Otto at (920) 272-8301 or 1-877-500-3580, ext. 8301 or motto@gbdio.org.

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Excellent Essay Opportunity Application



Attach to Entry

(Please enter info for all family members if writing a family essay)

Name (child or youth or family members)

Parish _____

School _____ **Grade** _____

Family Phone _____

Email _____

If selected, I give permission for this entry to be printed in the Compass on November 9, 2017 with the name and parish/school of my child/family.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Mail to: Mary Ann Otto
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PO Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825