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Stewardship—Newsletter

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Prayer Corner

Dear Lord, Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us. Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift. Help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all the gifts you have entrusted to us, tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase. Speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son's ways, and through your Spirit, give us strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our every day words and deeds. Amen!



Scripture Corner

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. 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.

John 14:12-14

Fulton Sheen Endowment

At the Fulton Sheen Endowment board meeting it was mentioned that many of the diocese parish members may not know what we do. All the work in the Department of Stewardship is based on the principle that God gives us everything we have and everything we are, and calls us to use these gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building of the Kingdom. One of the ways we help other parishes in building the Kingdom of God is by giving grants through the Fulton Sheen Endowment. Catholics across the Diocese were generous in their giving to the Rooted in Faith Capital Campaign. As a result the Fulton Sheen Endowment for Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation was established with an initial investment of \$2,000,000. This endowment still continues to support parishes in their efforts to spread the Gospel. The endowment provides direct support for religious education and spiritual formation, distributing funds twice annually to parishes that request them. There is an application process and guidelines for meeting the purpose of the endowment. Since the endowment was established the fund has distributed \$762,666.13 while maintaining the initial investment. You can find out more about the Fulton Sheen Endowment by going to cdop.org under the office of Development and Stewardship. Please know that the Department of Stewardship is here to help you with ideas on how to evangelize your parish.