



Youth Sobor 2019 – Session 1 - Stewardship

The Youth Sobor delegates discussed the meaning of stewardship. They determined three avenues that the youth of the church may become better stewards: in their parish, in their community and in the greater Church.

Stewards within the parish:

Stewardship Awareness – On a yearly basis, discuss stewardship with the WHOLE parish. Lead a brainstorming session on ways that they parish may be good stewards.

- ALL parishioners choose to attend church regularly
- Adults show and live stewardship as role models for the youth
- Build connections with people in your parish, just because you SEE them each week doesn't mean you know them.
- Have the parish council (or members of the parish council) meet regularly with the youth to discuss what is going on in the parish. Frame things in a way that they can understand and allow them to give feedback.
- Utilize your teenagers to mentor the younger children in stewardship
- Smile 😊
- Encourage inter-generational interactions and discussions
- Encourage our youth to reach out to quiet and not connected parishioners
 - Show them you care
 - Create a greeter program for the youth to learn to talk to others
- Plan regular visits to the shut-ins for the parish. Have the youth visit and perhaps make care packages for them.
- Help families in your parish who may be struggling financially or are out of work
- Respect the youth the same way adults respect one another

Stewardship within the community:

Develop stewardship opportunities for the youth to participate in AND help plan and run. Some suggestions for this are:

- Put aside 10% of parish income for charitable outreach
- Have collections for the community such as winter coats, socks for FOUCS, IOCC care kits, Seminary needs, etc..
- Participate and support the stewardship programs of the church such as Souper Bowl Sunday or the Great Lent Giveaway
- If your parish holds events such as Souper Bowl Sunday or even just has a parish dinner/brunch – invite the needy in your community to join – AT NO COST.
- Plan visits to local nursing homes to visit with the residents.
- Adopt an underprivileged family in your community
- Christmas trees for those in need in your community or Angel Trees for gifts for children

Stewardship to the church

- Develop a First Offering program for families and the faithful. Provide the jars for faithful to use. Ask the families to decide how they will give. Perhaps 10% of their allowance, 10% of “monetary” birthday gifts, coin change, instead of Netflix put \$15 a month into the jar. Then the family gives 10% of the jar to the church and the rest can be given to a charity of their choice or 100% to the church.
- Give of your time as well as your funds. If you are unable to give monetarily, give more of your time.
- Love one Another