

## THE GIFT OF TIME—Accompanying Pastor Letter

Dear:

Last week you received a letter and brochure inviting you to reflect upon your blessings as PARISH NAME conducts our stewardship renewal. My hope is that these weeks will grant you the opportunity to pause from the hecticness of life, [re]discover God in the everyday, and be moved to be agents of God's love and hope wherever we find ourselves.

We each have been blessed with the gift of life—the first of many blessings shared by our loving God. We are asked to use our indeterminate amount of time on this Earth to witness to God's love and presence in our world by sharing of ourselves. This week, we reflect upon our gift of time.

For many of us, time is our most precious commodity. The demands of work, school, family and community can be overwhelming—our God asks us to spend time in prayer to refocus, rejuvenate and potentially, to reprioritize.

The following brochure challenges us to reflect upon how we use our time. I hope you find it a useful tool as you contemplate how you use your daily 24 hours, 1440 minutes, 86,400 seconds. Does the way you use your gift of time reflect what is most important to you? I hope it does. If not, I pray that God will grant you the courage to take a step toward a healthier, more balanced lifestyle—a life that will allow you to nurture God's presence in you and, in turn, share this hope with others.

Sincerely,

Pastor Name

P.S. Next weekend you will have the opportunity to hear from fellow parishioners about their stewardship journey—how they use their time, talent and resources for God's glory.