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Stewardship 2011

Dear Stewards of Holy Cross,

We learn from Saint Paul, in the twelfth chapter of his letter to the Corinthians, that “there are a diversity of gifts but the same Spirit . . . differences of ministries, but the same Lord . . . diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

From this we learn that God has blessed each of us with gifts and abilities. Whether it is our physical beauty, or our intellect, our athletic or emotional strengths to bear the burdens of others, each of us is blessed. We may have talent as administrators or in sales, theatrically or musically, in finance and money management. Each of us, as a recipient of God’s grace through His love, is unique.

Stewardship is the offering of this, our God-given time, our God-given talent, and our God-given treasure to our Lord’s Church, for the building up of the Body of Christ and the spiritual strengthening of its faithful. This recognition of the reality that who we are and all that we have is a gift from God is the first step to offering true stewardship. Using these gifts and talents to give glory to God is the next logical and spiritual expression, and fulfills our nature to give.

We have much for which to be grateful as a parish community. Your sacrificial pledge of time, talent, and treasure, strengthens our ability to minister to the community at large and meet the challenges before us.

I ask that you pray and reflect upon your many gifts and determine your sacrificial commitment to our Lord and His Church of the Holy Cross. The Lord sacrificed for us His very own life. His saints also have done the same. It is incumbent upon us who bear His name to also offer sacrificially. In this way we make His teaching our own and fulfill our potential as a true steward in His Vineyard.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Salmas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Peter G. Salmas

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