



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear friends,

As human beings, we're inclined to forget that what we do in the present has a future impact on our children and all those who will come after us. So, the theme of our efforts to be good stewards this year is *"Let's Paint a Bright Future through Stewardship."* Very soon we'll kick off the Ministry phase of our Total Stewardship program which encourages us to commit or recommit to involvement in the many organized ministries of our parish, to be a part of creating the bright future we desire!

Every one of our organized ministries can nourish, deepen, and enliven our faith. Those structured under our *Education* commission help us pass on that faith to our children: giving them what they need for life and teaching them how to live their faith. Those structured under our *Spiritual Growth* commission focus on growing our personal relationship with Jesus and ongoing formation in our faith to equip us to evangelize others. Our *Community Life* ministries support our fellowship as a family of faith. The ministries under our *Administration* commission both help equip our parish to support our ministries in doing all the good works God calls us to do and help ensure the prudent use of our material resources. The ministries under our *Social Responsibility* Commission perform all the Corporal Works of Mercy: Whether in prison, or injured, hurt by life's difficulties, or just in need of a listening ear through a "rough patch," members of these ministries are there to help. Because our salvation is worked in relation to others, it's important that we worship together and together support our individual faith journeys. The ministries of our *Worship* commission help make our communal prayer and worship experiences beautiful, comforting, and uplifting.

Please add to the vitality of our family of faith by recommitting, or joining up with others, to one or more of our ministries! In his first letter to Timothy, St. Paul directed: *"Train yourself for devotion. While physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present and for the future. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. For we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God. (1 Tm 4:7b-10a)* Or, As Michael DiResto stated so well in his recent article on stewardship in *Aloysius Alive*, *"Let's pick up that brush and paint our hope-filled journey of faith together!"*

With the assurance of my love, best wishes, and fervent prayers for you and yours,

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