



Staying Connected **Welcome**

Grace & Peace to all.

Throughout these series of communications we have been discussing Stewardship as a Way of Life. We talk about recognizing our gifts and becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. We also know that once we become disciples of Jesus, Stewardship is no longer an option.

There are three succinct phrases that define stewardship:

- ◆ The grateful response of a Christian disciple
- ◆ who recognizes and receives God's gifts
- ◆ and shares them in love of God and neighbor.

I would ask this month that you spend time reflecting on the phrases above and ask yourself what they mean to you as a steward of God's varied grace. I would also like to share with you this Stewardship Prayer may it guide you on your stewardship journey.

A Prayer Of A Christian Steward

O Loving God,

Open my eyes that I may recognize the many gifts

That You abundantly **give** me.

Open my heart that I may humbly **receive**

these gifts in love.

Open my mind that I may willingly **accept**

These gifts from You.

Open my soul that these gifts from You may internally

transform my heart to love others as You love me.

Open my life that I may joyfully **share** these gifts

with others.

For all of these gifts are from You O God, and I am

simply a steward of these gifts. Amen

“ As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Items of Interest:

Prayer Garden Blessing: The Prayer Garden blessing will take place on Saturday, June the 9th after the 8:30 am Mass.

Dr Scott Hahn & Kimberly Hahn: Renown speaker Dr Scott Hahn & his wife Kimberly will be here at St Raphael on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Seating is limited. Please contact the Parish Office for details and *spread the word.* You don't want to miss this very special event.



Blessings!

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