



Staying Connected **Welcome**

Grace & Peace to all.

Last month we spoke about the 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.

This month I would like to focus on the first phrase "the grateful response of a Christian disciple" and look at what the summary of the US. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on stewardship says about:

Disciples as Stewards.

"Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards."

You can find the link to the Bishops letter on our Stewardship page.

Items of Interest:

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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