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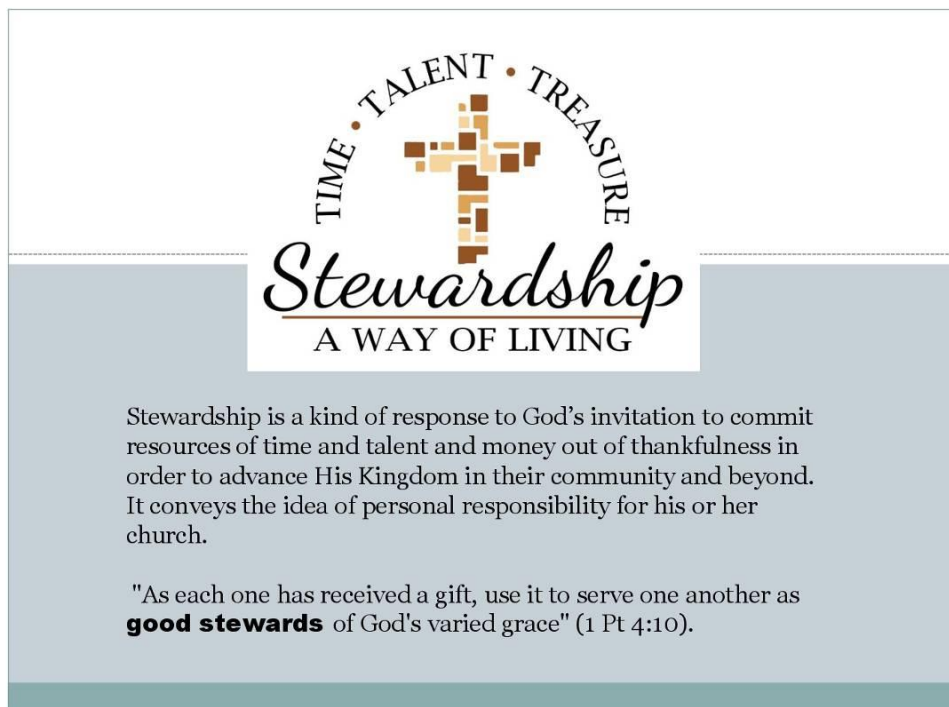
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我參加 6/21-6/25 在 Menlo Park Retreat Center 舉辦的 2017 年仁愛基金避靜及北美大風營。第一次聽韓清平神父講避靜，非常深入內心，韓神父講天主創造宇宙的奧秘，宇宙的宏觀與微觀緊密的連結在一起。Substance 是物質的核心，所有不同的 Substances 都互相支持和存在，而互相關連。韓神父專注研究德日進神父的理論。德日進神父說，一個健康自信的人要有三個步驟；愛自己、愛別人、舉心向上讚頌天主歸向上主，我們的生命才有歸向。就是愛己、愛人、愛天主在萬有之上，我們是一體的 We are all one。

大風營如區團長所說的：「本來大風營是介紹給新朋友，鴻業很努力請了幾位新朋友，他們來參加第一天神父的演講，第二天有事就不來了，所以這次其實沒有新朋友。其實最重要的是藉這機會重新回顧我們的精神，鼓勵預備團員，奉獻為正式團員，但預備團員也沒來。我請盛芳做這次的記錄，盛芳做記錄很詳細很仔細，沒來的預備團員看了也會有所思考，而願意奉獻為正式團員，這是最主要的目的。大風營沒有新朋友也沒關係，我們團員來，能更肯定服務團的精神。」

我有點感想，我不是 CSCNACC 仁愛基金的成員，因明慧的邀請和其寬的演講，我就從紐約去了加州，這次真的很感動，對明慧我是從心裡永遠佩服，她付出那麼多，想說聲謝謝，他一年前邀請神父和他所做的，以及其他團員這次把事情辦得很好，尤其鴻業勞苦功高，機場就跑了 N 趟。我這次參與是很值得的，在這裡謝謝大家。

附上蘇其寬執事的演講，如何管理天主的財富，令人耳目一新。



The graphic features a central cross made of small squares, with the words "TIME", "TALENT", and "TREASURE" arranged in an arc above it. Below the cross, the word "Stewardship" is written in a large, elegant script font, and "A WAY OF LIVING" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background with a white border.

Stewardship is a kind of response to God's invitation to commit resources of time and talent and money out of thankfulness in order to advance His Kingdom in their community and beyond. It conveys the idea of personal responsibility for his or her church.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as **good stewards** of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

The Resources of Stewardship

- **Stewardship** is many facets which include:
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- Scripture Based
- Trust and Dependence on God
- Spending Time with God
- Gratitude/Thankfulness
- A Love Response
- Transformative
- Proportionate Giving
- Sharing Talent
- Giving Treasure
- Accountability
- Discipleship
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Disciples as Stewards

Jesus calls us to be **disciples**. We respond to Him as:

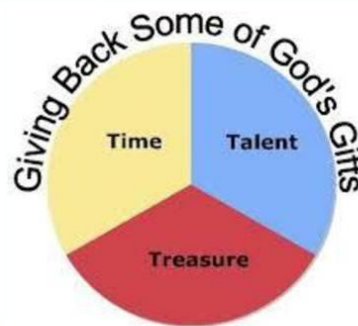
- Mature disciples make a **conscious decision** to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples **experience conversion**—life-shaping changes of mind and heart— to the Lord.
- Christian stewards have the power to **shape and mold** our understanding of our lives, and the way in which we live.

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Stewards of Vocation

- Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life.
- God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.
- Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.(USCCB)



Stewards of the Church

Stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, as the Church's essential mission.

- This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task.
- All members of the Church have their own roles and responsibility to play in carrying out its mission. (USCCB)



Obstacles to Stewardship

We as Christian disciples and Christian stewards often face serious obstacles. In the United States, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.



Spiritual Stewardship

- Spiritual stewardship includes all of our life, not just our relationship to our parish. How we use our time and resources at home and at work are as important as how much of our time and resources we share with our parish community.



Prayerful Life in Stewardship

"From beginning to end, fundraising as ministry is grounded in prayer and undertaken in gratitude."

"When we approach fundraising in a spirit of gratitude, our confidence in our mission does not depend on how the person we are with responds to our request! We are free to remain secure in God's love with our hearts set joyfully on the kingdom." (Henry Nouwen)



Fundraising is a form of ministry

- Fundraising is proclaiming what you believe in and proclaiming it in such a way that you offer the other person an opportunity to participate in your vision.
- It is saying, "We have a vision that is so exciting that we are giving you the opportunity to participate in that vision with the resources that God has given you. (**Spirituality of Fundraising: A conversation with Henri Nouwen**)"



Stewards call for Conversion

- Since it is a ministry, it is always a call to conversion. That is, "I invite you to a new way of relating to your resources, so that making your resources available to us is good for you". In other words, you won't become poorer -- but you will become richer by giving.



The greatest taboos

- The taboo is that money obviously has something to do with that intimate little place in your heart where you need security, and you don't want to give that away.
- Jesus, however, says something very radical. He says that you cannot put your security in God and money.
- Where is your security base? Is it in God or is it in money?



Financial Transparency

- Financial operations should at all times be as transparent as possible. We should do our best to relieve people's anxiety about their financial giving.
- It is incumbent upon the leaders to keep the people up to date on how their contributions are being spent, and if the budget goals are being met. This should be done in a timely fashion.



Accountability in Stewardship

- Stewardship calls us to recognize that in the Parable of the Talents, each of us will someday be asked by God to give an accounting of all that we have done with the gifts given to us.
- Likewise, the community that embraces stewardship must be accountable to the people for the way in which the community uses the gifts entrusted to it.



A Steward's Way

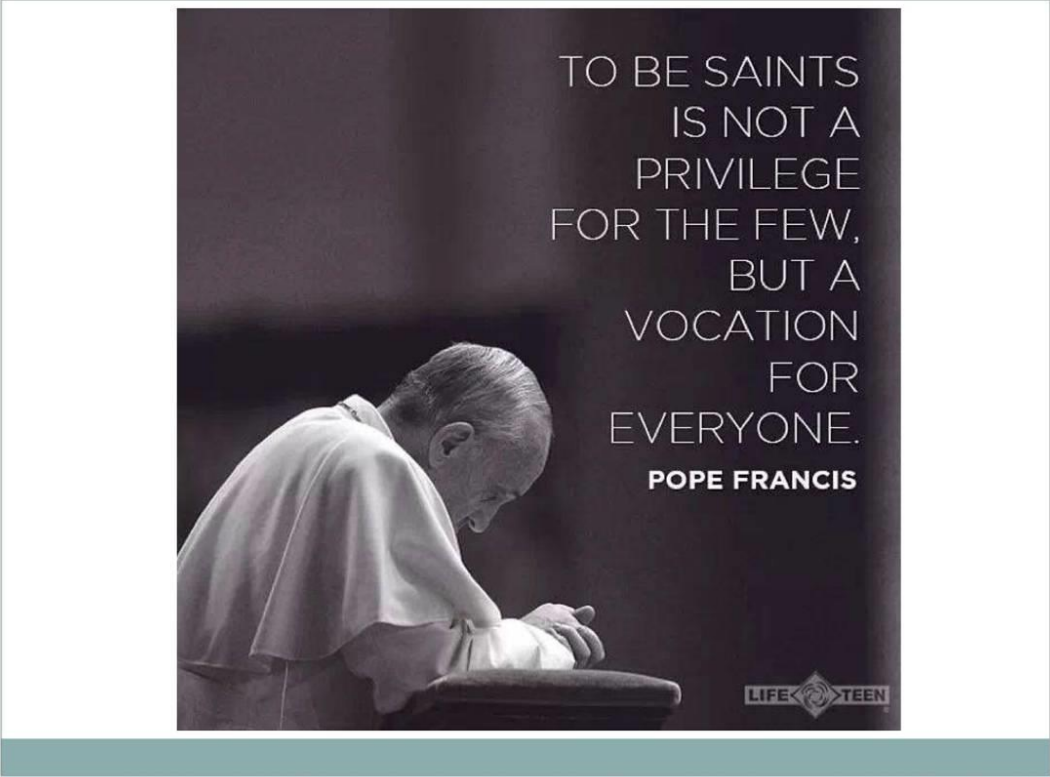
Stewardship is a part of our journey.
Look to Mary as an ideal steward.
Mary lived her ministry in a spirit of
fidelity and service; she responded
generously to the call.

- We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church?
- Don't worry, the Spirit shows us the way!
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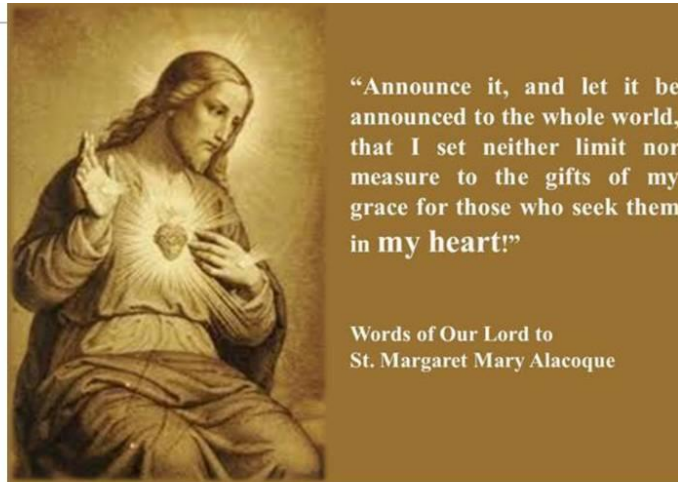
- 我深信興教建國就是我們的理想
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- 我深信服從就是我們的生命
- 我深信犧牲就是我們的食糧
- 我深信團結就是我們的力量
- 我深信有恆就是我們的成功
- 我要遵守把握時間
- 我要敏捷確實地思想和工作
- 我要真誠地對待一切人們
- 我要養成簡樸整潔生活的習慣
- 我要在學業和工作上出類拔萃
- 我要養成自覺、自動、自治的習慣



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An Ideal Community	Step 1 (Awareness)	Step 2 (Initiation)	Step 3 (Transformation)
(Community Growth) -Regular Gathering -Plenary Meeting -Special Celebration -Basic Ecclesial Community	Stage of gathering: Welcoming, greeting and knowing each other	Stage of growing together: sharing, learning and doing things together	Stage of Conversion and commitment: reaching out and doing what God wants us to do
(Spiritual Formation) -Ignatius Exercise -Prayerful Life -Ongoing Formation			
(Pastoral Sector) -Youth/Senior community -Parish Community -Local community			
(Pastoral Services) -Catechesis -Liturgy -Family/Hospital Visits -Human Promotion			



Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to help Cabrini Mission Foundation carry on Mother Cabrini's legacy.

Today the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus renew their vows and commitment to the service of the Sacred Heart. They are joined by the Cabrini Lay Missionaries renewing their commitment. The Sisters and CLMs will remember each of you in their prayers.