

Five-Week Program

This program focuses on discipleship, mission, generosity, and gratitude, giving ample time to share personal stories of why people give and about the impact of the mission of the parish. It uses a Face-to-Face invitation or Letter to encourage generous support of the mission.

Date(s)	Description	Volunteer(s) Who will do What by When
	<p>Planning</p> <p>Worship Look at Liturgical Resources for ideas for preaching, hymns, prayers.</p> <p>Orientation session (pp. 40–41) A month or more before Sunday 1, get some tips and practise inviting people to give.</p>	
	<p>Announce the program A month or more before Sunday 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide when you will announce the program at worship, in the bulletin, etc.; draft all communications at this time if you wish. • Draft and mail letter to introduce the program (pp. 22–24, 42–45). • Plan to commission Giving Team members on Sunday 1. 	

	<p>Invite: Face-to-Face or in Letter of Invitation (pp. 40–45)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face conversations: immediately following Sunday 1 and going no longer than the Saturday before Sunday 4. Hand out the Inviting Every Person Package at the time of the conversations (see below). <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Invitation: mail with the Inviting Every Person Package (see below) immediately following Sunday 1 and going no later than the Saturday before Sunday 4. Immediately following Sunday 4, follow up with those who have not yet responded or returned their Intention Card. 	
	<p>Program Week 1 <i>Sunday 1 Worship Focus – Discipleship and the Life of Faith</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach on personal stewardship of all that we have been given; following Jesus; the Baptismal Covenant / Marks of Mission. • Prepare verbal announcement, bulletin insert, email, or other communications to introduce the giving program to the congregation. • Assemble an Inviting Every Person Package for each person/ household: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Narrative budget – “Why I give” testimonials – Intention card and return envelope – Giving Guide and Proportional Giving Chart OR Step Chart – Anything else to draw attention to the ministry of the congregation and the giving program • Letter of Invitation: mail this week with the package above, or no later than the Saturday before Sunday 4. 	

	<p>Program Week 2 <i>Sundays 2 & 3 Worship Focus</i> <i>Living God's Mission Locally</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach on God's mission • Highlight the impact of an area of each of the following ministries: Outreach Pastoral care Learning and formation Worship • Invite a person to share the impact of that ministry in their life or the life of the community – within and beyond the church walls. • Face-to-face conversations: schedule for this week through the Saturday before Sunday 4. Stay in touch with volunteers. 	
	<p>Program Week 3 <i>Sundays 2 & 3 Worship Focus</i> <i>Living God's Mission Locally</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach on God's mission • Highlight the impact of an area of each of the following ministries: Outreach Pastoral care Learning and formation worship. • Invite a person to share the impact of that ministry in their life or the life of the community – within and beyond the church walls. • Face-to-face conversations: continue this week through the Saturday before Sunday 4. Stay in touch with volunteers. 	

	<p>Program Week 4 Sunday 4 Worship Focus Inviting Generosity; Giving Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach on God's call to live generously. • Face-to-face conversations: complete these this week. Stay in touch with volunteers. • Between Sunday 4 and the Saturday before Sunday 5: follow up with those who have not yet responded or returned their intention card. 	
	<p>Program Week 5 Sunday 5 Worship Focus Giving Thanks; Modelling Gratitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preach about gratitude. • Tabulate all gifts received to announce on Sunday 5. • Plan to thank everyone at Sunday worship. 	
	<p>Thanking, Wrap-Up, and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank each giver personally, whether in person or through a thank-you note or card. • Debrief, do an evaluation, and plan for next time. 	