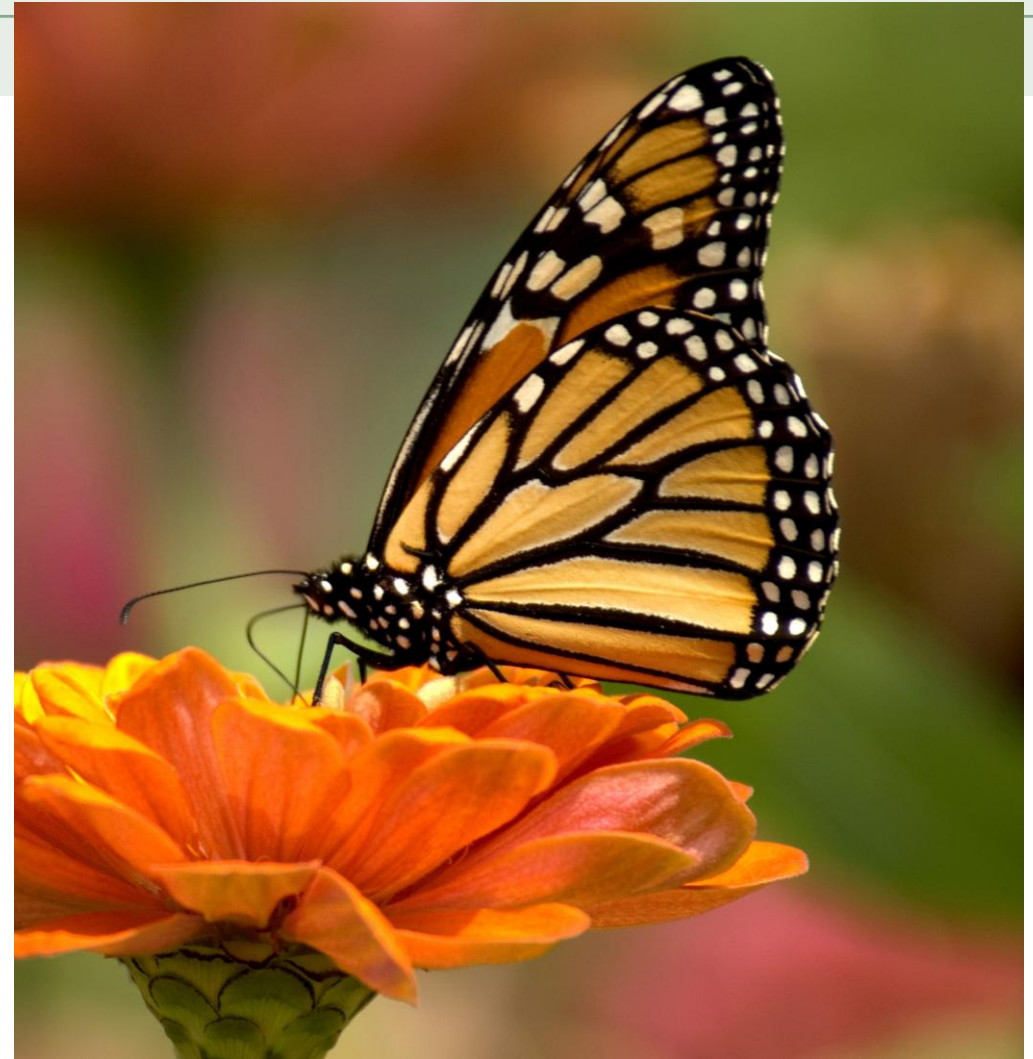


The Stewardship Mission of Today's Parish

- Engage
- Empower
- Transform



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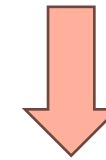
Stewardship

What comes to
your mind?!

Today's Reality

- Declining Mass attendance
- Parish closures / consolidations
- Generational disengagement
- Burnout among core parish volunteers

We're not just facing a crisis of giving.



We're facing a crisis of belonging, of meaning, & of mission.

Heart of the Problem

- Stewardship in many parishes has become more about

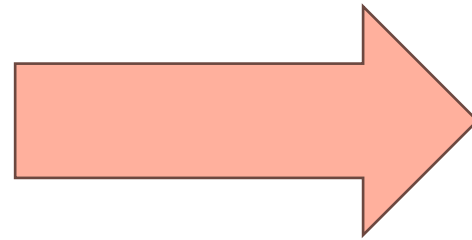
MAINTENANCE THAN MISSION

- But the Church doesn't exist to run buildings & fund programs.
It exists to ...

MAKE DISCIPLES & TRANSFORM THE WORLD!

Renewed Vision

Transactional



Transformational

ENGAGE

Meet People where they are

EMPOWER

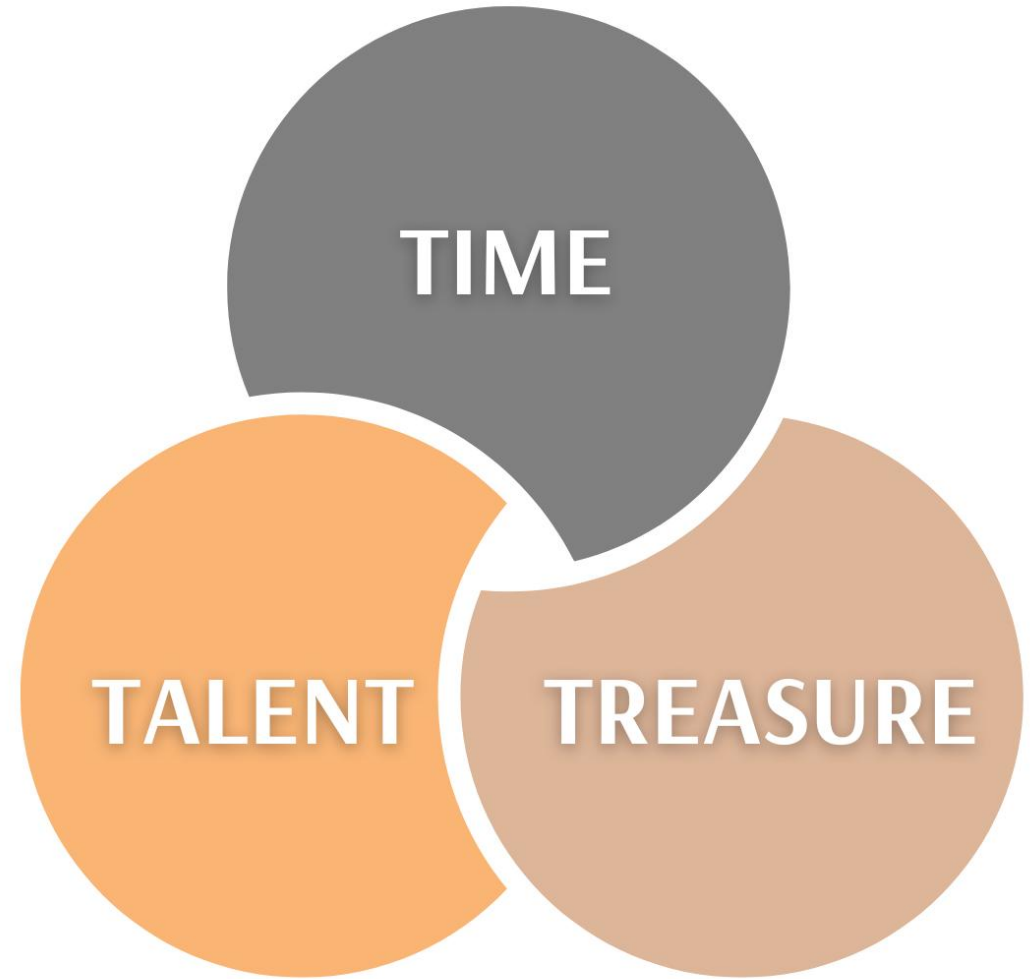
Help them to discover their God-given purpose

TRANSFORM

Individuals, parishes, & communities

Traditional Stewardship Model

This model isn't bad....
But it's incomplete.



Transactional Mindset

I've already donated this year
– I've done my part.

Am I the only one who can
give of their time?

I'm only valuable when I have something tangible to offer.



Transformational Stewardship



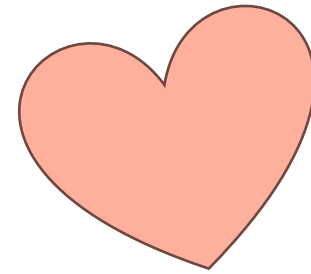
- It's not just giving something to the Church.
- It's not about what the Church needs from me, but about what God desires for me!
- It is giving our lives to God in gratitude, trust, and mission.

Traditional vs. Transformational

- Volunteerism
 - Fundraising
 - Church-centric
 - Guilt or obligation
 - Static campaigns
- Vocation
 - Faith-raising
 - Kingdom-centric
 - Gratitude and calling
 - Ongoing formation

From Maintenance to Mission

- *Mission-driven*
- *Discipleship-centered*
 - *Focused on formation, not function*
- *Starts with conversion, not commitment*



Key Shifts for Parishes



From recruitment to relationship



From events to evangelization



From committees to communities



From asking for more to forming better

Starting Points

- Preach the “Why” consistently
- Form leaders first
- Integrate stewardship into everything
- Share witness stories



Cast a *Vision* for the Future

- Stewardship is joyful.
- Ministry becomes mission.
- People come alive in their faith.
- Parishes become places of spiritual vibrancy & growth.
 - Church becomes not a place we go, but a people we are, sent out into the world!

Bringing it Together



ENGAGE



EMPOWER



TRANSFORM

You're Invited ...

Rethink

Renew

Respond

Word of Hope

You don't need to launch a brand-new program!

You just need to begin the conversation, cast the vision, and invite people to see that God wants something special for each one of us.

If we do this, even imperfectly, we will see lives changed, parishes renewed & the Church will become what she was always meant to be:



**A Community of disciples,
living in love, and sent on a
mission!**

Thank you / QA



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