

## **STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT**

**We, the family of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community, believe stewardship is our grateful and obedient response to God's redeeming love. We recognize that all creation is placed in our trust by God. We acknowledge that our ability to respond faithfully to God's love is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Stewardship requires responsible return to God from our resources of time, talent and treasure. We further acknowledge that we are called to live out this response individually and in community.**

### **Mission Statement, Funding Committee Social Concerns Ministry**

**We, the Funding Committee of Social Concerns Ministry, through prayerful discernment, believe our responsibility and accountability for the distribution of the parish tithe is based on furthering Catholic Christian value and empowering people to meet their most basic needs. Our charitable giving is focused on providing direct support to promote, nurture and sustain the physical, mental, emotional or spiritual well-being of people. Percentage distribution of the parish tithe is 14% of the Parish Offertory.**

## **STEWARDSHIP POLICY**

- 1. The parish tithe of treasure consists of 14% of the offertory. The Funding Committee (sub-committee of Justice and Peace) is responsible for allocation of the tithe.**
- 2. No second collections will be taken at any liturgy of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community, except for three specific Archdiocesan appeals- the Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal, Archdiocesan World Missions Appeal and the Seminary Appeal. Baskets will be available for people to leave their contributions as they so choose. As tragedies such as the Katrina Hurricane occur, the same practice will apply. The list of all other recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections from the Archdiocese of Denver is given to the Funding Committee to allocate from the 14% tithe. These 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections will be disbursed in line with the months the Archdiocese has requested**
- 3. There will exist, on an on-going basis, methods of educating the community regarding stewardship. The Stewardship Committee will be accountable for directing this implementation.**
- 4. All financial resources of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community will be allocated through the annual budget. The Finance Council is charged with review and approval of the annual budget. There are no fund raisers.
  - a. A ministry is to charge only an amount to cover any costs incurred. This cost estimate should be higher than anticipated rather than lower than anticipated to reduce the burden of the parish to make up for any unanticipated costs.****
- 5. The Pastoral Leadership Council will make available a list of opportunities which cannot be accommodated by the annual budget, in order to permit people to steward, as they feel called. Additionally, all these opportunities offered to the parishioners to steward shall always have a printout available educating the parishioner on the organization, its mission and its needs.
  - a. The general offertory is the first priority.**
  - b. We ask that each household consider this list as an additional method of giving.
    - 1. Reverse Collection**
    - 2. Drive for Growing Home**
    - 3. Bi-Annual Migrant Workers Drive**
    - 4. Monthly support for the Arvada Food Bank**
    - 5. Rice Bowl (a recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Catholic Relief Services) we offer for a Lenten hands-on participation in lieu of sending a parish check.******

