

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT #5

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE

October 30 – 31, 2004

WHAT IS THE MINISTRY FAIR?

The U.S. Conference of Bishops defines a Christian steward as one who:

1. Receives God's gifts gratefully
2. Cultivates those gifts responsibly
3. Shares those gifts in justice and love, and
4. Returns those gifts to the Lord with increase

On the weekend of November 13 - 14, 2004 we will participate in a Ministry Fair. The Ministry Fair is an opportunity to see all the ministries of the parish at one time. We will have the opportunity to learn how the ministries of our parish help and serve others. This will also help us see how our stewardship has an impact on the lives of other parishioners and the larger community in which we live and work.

Please give special attention to this extraordinary event in the life of our parish.

And don't forget to pray!

Lord, what do you want to do through me to accomplish your will for your Church?

A CHRISTIAN STEWARD RECEIVES GOD'S GIFTS GRATEFULLY

"Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is yours; yours, O LORD, is the sovereignty; you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor are from you, and you have dominion over all. In your hand are power and might; it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all . . ." (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

We are trustees, not owners in this world. What comes our way comes with a divine expectation that we will use whatever we have for God's good purposes. Time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God entrusted to us for a relatively brief time.