

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Commitment to Parish Life Program

The following guidelines for our Commitment to Parish Life (CPL) program are offered to help each parishioner better understand and more fully embrace this new initiative which begins June, 2010.

1. The *Commitment to Parish Life (CPL)* program will offer you an opportunity to support St. Joseph the Worker in its many ministries in a way that is most convenient to you. The program will also afford the parish with a sustained and predictable level of support, one that does not depend on weekly Mass attendance at St. Joseph's.
2. It is our expectation that *most* second collection will be eliminated, consolidating multiple appeals into a single offertory commitment fulfilled according to your personal choice. Thus the needs of the global church will continue to be satisfied *without multiple collections*.
3. As a result, by eliminating most second collections, we will be relying upon one collection to sustain our many parish programs and ministries. Therefore, we ask *each* parishioner, regardless of the chosen method of support, to consider an *increased offertory commitment* as an indicator of our shared responsibility for the local and global commitments of St. Joe's.
4. Each parishioner has the opportunity to choose the method of offertory support that best meets his/her own budgeting and planning needs. These options will include a sustained commitment that can be contributed annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly (*the method most often selected*), or via using our traditional weekly envelope system.
5. If you choose an annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly method of support, a commitment reminder and a reply envelop will be sent to you prior to your commitment option. You may fulfill your *offertory commitment* when you attend Mass or by mail, whichever is most convenient.
 - Your support will be reflected in your next commitment reminder.
 - We encourage this commitment method of support because it will truly assist our parish in the planning and budgeting process. With a sustained and predictable level of offertory support, we can more confidently maintain parish ministries and manage our debt reduction.
 - If you should receive weekly envelopes during this transition period please discard them and begin using your CPL Program.
6. If you would like to choose the *weekly* envelope method of support, you may do so, since we will maintain the weekly collection at Mass. However, we ask all who choose the weekly method to still

join in with other parishioners by completing an *offertory commitment* form and return it as a sign of our shared responsibilities for our parish.

7. The following appeals will be maintained:

- Twin parish in Haiti.
- CROSS (Churches Reaching Out in Social Service) which supports our local food shelf.
- God's Poor which supports those who come to our own door seeking help.
- The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for programs and ministries offered by the Archdiocese.