

**Questions for Office of Mission Advancement Regarding Parish Efforts  
During COVID-19 Pandemic**

1. How can our parish collect regular Sunday offertory gifts since our churches are closed?
  - a. Guide parishioners to contribute on-line through your giving page on your parish website.
  - b. Establish a new on-line giving account if you do not have one. The Office of Mission Advancement and the Finance Office can assist you.
  - c. Send letters in the mail to parishioners informing them they can still give by sending in their checks via mail or make credit card gifts on-line. Can include a return envelope for them to mail in check.
  - d. Establish a secured DONATIONS Drop Box and have it on the grounds of the parish that parishioners can drive by and drop off their check and/or cash. Establish a specific time period, such as from 10:00am-12noon where the Pastor, Deacon or Parish Staff member can attend the box.
  
2. What are some suggested ways to communicate with my parishioners?
  - a. Use of email, phone calls, parish website, social media, letters and note cards are excellent ways to stay in touch and communicate with parishioners.
  - b. Provide community, parish, diocesan updates. Record video message and post online encouraging people, inviting to prayer, offering scriptural reflection, leading the rosary, etc.
  - c. Share existing on-line resources: there are many live-streamed Masses, prayers services, Eucharistic adoration. Share Catholic sites such as Magnificat, FORMED, Word On Fire, etc. Visit toledodiocese.org for more spiritual resources and ideas.
  
3. What are some additional resources on planning/giving/stewardship?

USCCB Pastoral Letter:  
<https://catholicclubbock.org/StewardshipADisciplesResponse.pdf>

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC):  
<http://catholicstewardship.com/>

Catholic Stewardship Consultants: <https://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/>

Our Sunday Visitor: <https://www.osv.com/>

Community Counseling Services (CCS):

<https://ccsfundraising.com/timeless-principles-for-fundraising-the-coronavirus-and-philanthropy/>

Chronicle of Philanthropy:

[https://www.philanthropy.com/article/Responding-to-the-Coronavirus/248231?cid=cpw\\_rnt](https://www.philanthropy.com/article/Responding-to-the-Coronavirus/248231?cid=cpw_rnt)

Digital Fundraising Solutions:

<https://prengersolutions.com/>

Webinar--How To Run a Parish During the Coronavirus Outbreak:

[https://prengersolutions.com/webinar-](https://prengersolutions.com/webinar-2020coronavirus?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRkbE1UTTNOrgt3WXpaailsInQiOiJyRThyQ2RzeEZMQW5BVTh1QU41bFpaVTgyV0Z4ZUxkMmF2V2luS2VkQnBGWEszMnQyNWVMR2N4dkJKN1FNbXBLOEQ0dkFiRGp6bWxXZzNQMFZVYVd0UT09In0%3D)

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Tips for Communication with Donors:

[https://npengage.com/nonprofit-fundraising/long-term-relationships-healthcarefundraising/?utm\\_source=mkto&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=FB-2020-ES-TL-Ministry11770&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRFMU56Y3dORE](https://npengage.com/nonprofit-fundraising/long-term-relationships-healthcarefundraising/?utm_source=mkto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FB-2020-ES-TL-Ministry11770&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRFMU56Y3dORE)