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## Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our February issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to [tzalud@drc.org](mailto:tzalud@drc.org).

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## Preparing for Lent

While Christmas may *seem* to have only been just a few weeks ago, we are now entering a new season in the Church's calendar- Lent. As we begin our Lenten journey, let's try our best to grow closer to the Lord! We are blessed to be in a Diocese filled with so many vibrant parishes that offer us opportunities to grow spiritually. We hope that you take advantage of this time to grow deeper in your faith, and we invite you to use the Pillars of Stewardship to help you:

Using the **Pillar of Service**, you can take this time to give to those in need. Perhaps, if finances permit, you can increase your weekly giving to your parish-- just one dollar extra a week can make a difference in your parish's finances. You can also make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (click **HERE** to donate) and join together with parishioners from all across the Diocese to help spread God's love across the Island.

Using the **Pillar of Hospitality**, you could not only volunteer your time to help others in need, but you could also use your time to visit someone who may be feeling lonely. Oftentimes, we forget that one of the greatest gifts we can give someone is just the gift of our time. You could also offer to take an elderly friend or family member to Mass, confession or the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season.

Using the **Pillar of Prayer**, you can take advantage of all the opportunities your parish and Diocese have available to strengthen your prayer life. Go to confession! Do not be afraid, the priest is there to help you make a good confession-- not to judge or condemn you. Go to the Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration-- let God speak to you while you are there.

Finally, using the **Pillar of Formation**, take time this season to read spiritual books. Perhaps you can read something from Catholic

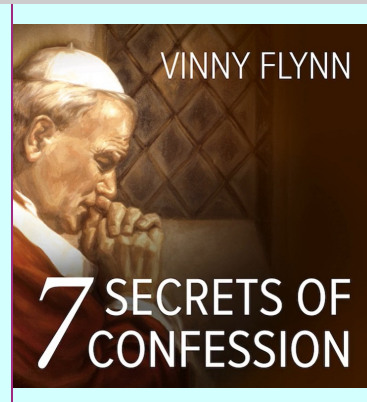
Answers, or classic books by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. You can also read a pastoral letter from Bishop Barres (available [HERE](#)).

This Lenten season, grow closer to the Lord, let Him speak to you, guide you and transform you.

God bless you!

## Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend "7 Secrets of Confession".



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