

## Stewards of Hope Litany of Thanksgiving

*(The Litany may be used after Communion at Masses on Holy Family Sunday or on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God or another suitable date)*

### Introduction

In 2011, after several years of discussion, prayer, and faith sharing by people across our diocese, Bishop Paul Coakley led us to launch our diocesan pastoral plan, Stewards of Hope. It was intended to be a channel of hope, a pathway to personal holiness, and a tool to build stronger faith communities.

*(Optional: the names of parish Stewards of Hope Commission members may be included.)* Today we recognize N., N... who have served as leaders giving guidance to the implementation of those parts of the pastoral plan appropriate to our parish(es).

Today we remember and give thanks for the various ways that God has been revealed and at work among us by our participation in Stewards of Hope.

Litany *[Can be edited to fit the Stewards of Hope accomplishments in the parish(es).]*

**Your response: Lord, we give you thanks.**

For the power and energy of the Holy Spirit we experienced in parish missions.

For the deepened awareness of our time, talent, and treasure.

For the power to invite others to share our faith and to reach out to those distanced from our faith.

For the encouragement of those God has called as priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay leaders.

For the nurturance and guidance families have known.

For the deeper understanding of our faith by youth and adults.

For the witness of faith by youth and young adults.

For the knowledge of our dignity as sons and daughters of God.

For the use of technology that shares faith.

For the support of Hispanics and other ethnic groups who share their cultural and spiritual gifts with our parish(es).

For the greater service to others, especially the poor, created in the image and likeness of God.

### Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your church, gathered together, is a steward of hope. Help us all in this parish community to be stewards of hope, sharing God's love, compassion, and mercy with those we meet. As we look forward to Pope Francis' September visit to the World Meeting of Families, help us to see the family as the domestic church. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, help us to grow in holiness, follow your will, and face challenges with confidence. With Bishop Weisenburger to guide us in sharing each other's burdens and joys, may we leave a vibrant legacy of faith, hope, and love for future generations. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.