

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
Annual Offertory Commitment 2010

Grateful for God’s love in Jesus Christ and in celebration of His blessings to us, I intend to return to God a portion of my income to support the work of my parish — work that sustains us as a faith community as well as the services our parish provides to meet the needs of others in our community and the world.

\$ _____
Per week

January 1, 2010—December 31, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

This is not a legal obligation. Changes in household situations may necessitate an adjustment to the offering.

To use electronic fund transfer from either your bank account or credit card, complete the payment authorization form on the reverse. Current EFT users, if this represents a change to your commitment, please complete a new form.

Please seal this card (and EFT form, if applicable) in the enclosed envelope and place it into the offertory basket at Mass or mail to:

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 105 N. La Esperanza
 San Clemente, CA 92672

Once a year, the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima takes time to prayerfully reflect on the financial gifts which support the parish and to make a plan for the coming year. While our financial gifts are not a substitute for sharing our talents, abilities and experience, neither are these a substitute for sharing financial resources. All are gift and all are necessary to support the work that sustains us as a faith community.

Our move to adulthood is marked by choices. The same is true of our relationship with God. Being an adult Catholic Christian means choosing to take up Jesus’ mission and making it our own using the gifts we have been given. It’s what He asked of his friends and it’s what He asks of us — to make His purpose, our purpose. We direct a portion of our giving through our parish because it is the community which most clearly bears witness to this mission and the meaning and values we find at the center of our lives.

Consider increasing your gift by 1% this year. One small step by each household will have a significant impact on the ability of our parish to carry on this mission. But just as important, it will have an impact on the giver. Sacrificial giving is not about “feeling the pain” but a way to “experience a change.” The chart below may help you in your planning. Find out where you are now and plan to take a step. To those households who are already giving sacrificially, thank you.

Take a step...

Household Income			Weekly Offertory Gift as a % of income					
Hourly	Weekly¹	Yearly	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$4.81	\$192	\$10,000	\$1.92	\$3.84	\$5.76	\$7.68	\$9.60	\$19.20
8.00 ²	320	16,640	3.20	6.40	9.60	12.80	16.00	32.00
9.62	385	20,000	3.85	7.70	11.55	15.40	19.25	38.50
12.00	480	25,000	4.80	9.60	14.40	19.20	24.00	48.00
14.50	575	30,000	5.75	11.50	17.25	23.00	28.75	57.50
29.00	1,155	60,000	11.55	23.10	34.65	46.20	57.75	115.50
43.50	1,730	90,000	17.30	34.60	51.90	69.20	86.50	173.00
72.00	2,885	150,000	28.85	57.70	86.55	115.40	144.25	288.50

¹Based on 40 hours ²CA minimum wage

³By parishioners who use envelopes/checks or EFT

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as slaves for a slave does not know what his master is about. Instead I call you friends since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father.”

John 13:14

Both slavery and friendship carry an obligation. But only one is born out of freedom and gratitude — a friend’s obligation to another friend. It’s the difference between “have to” and “want to.” Jesus calls us his friends.

Planning Guide

\$13.88

Avg. weekly gift³
 7/1/08-6/30/09

Many Christians use the “biblical tithe” of 10% to plan their charitable giving committing 5% to their local church. On average, U.S. Catholics give less than 1% of their income to support their parish community.