



# HOLY CROSS & SAINT ANTHONY

## PARISH REGISTRATION CENSUS FORM

UPDATE OF PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_



*As part of our long-term plan, Holy Cross is conducting a parish-wide census. We ask that you please take a moment and provide us with your family's information.*

Please Check One - **New Parishioner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Updating Information** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, Parishioner #** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently receive personalized envelopes from the Parish:    Y    N (Please Check one)

*If No, Would you like to? (Please Circle) Yes or No*

### **Head of Household:**

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please provide copies of certificates**

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: *(Check which applies)*    Single    Married    Widow    Other - If married, Date & Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Attendance:    Regularly    Occasionally    Holidays Language:    English    Spanish    Portuguese    Chinese

Additional Members of the Family:

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle all that Applies - Has been? Baptism Y.. N.. First Communion Y ..N.. Confirmation Y.. N..

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***TIME ~ Spending Time with God in Prayer ~ Prayer is the beginning of stewardship.***

Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

- ◆ Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days ◆ Attend weekday Mass at least once a week ◆ Spend 15 minutes in personal prayer ◆ Pray the Rosary at least weekly
- ◆ Spend 1 hour a week at the Adoration Chapel ◆ Pray together with my loved ones ◆ Read the Bible for one hour a week ◆ Go to confession every other month

***TALENT ~ Using my Talents in Parish Ministries ~ TREASURE ~ Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory***

***Would you or a family member like to use your Talents in the following Parish Ministries? Please write a name next to the Ministry of interest, thank you!***

- \_\_\_\_\_  Readers/Lectors \_\_\_\_\_  Ushers \_\_\_\_\_  Extraordinary Ministers of Communion \_\_\_\_\_  Adult or Children's Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_  Becoming Catholic (RCIA) \_\_\_\_\_  CCD/Religious Education Teacher or Assistant \_\_\_\_\_  Church Cleaning Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_  Young Adult Group \_\_\_\_\_  Adult Bible Study/Formation \_\_\_\_\_  Altar Servers

***If interested in any of the above Ministries a leader will contact you with more information. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this Census Form.***

## *Time, Talent & Treasure*

### **Time**

Our time begins at birth and ends on this earth with death. God wants all of us to reach heaven; that is why He created us and why He sent us Jesus. Our life on earth is a pilgrimage toward heaven. Each day, each week, each month and each year we must be progressive on our pilgrimage. We cannot do this unless we give some time to God.

- Through daily prayer, we develop a close relationship with God, sharing with Him our successes and failures, and asking for His guidance in our daily lives.
- Reading the Scripture daily helps us reflect on God's word and reminds us of God's great love for us.
- Assisting individuals and organizations is another way to share our personal time to the glory of God.

*Your gift of time is unique, because you are the only one who can give it.*

### **Talent**

All of us have special talents or gifts, which are a sign of the power and majesty of God, who can do all things. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others, so we can serve God better.

St. Peter in his first epistle tells us, "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others."

All of Christ's works need to be done in our parish and community.

As you know, Christ is not physically present in our parish to:

- Visit the sick and elderly
- Feed the hungry
- Console the lonely and sorrowful
- Pray for the needs and to give a helping hand and a kind word

Christ depends upon each one of us to do these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in His name. That makes us co-workers with Christ in the Holy Works of Redemption. What a privilege!

*Your gift of talent is a special gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."*

### **Treasure**

The Christian need to share our gifts of Treasure may be best illustrated by the well-known parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14-30, which speaks of a man preparing to travel to a far country. Before departing, he gives talents or money to his servants.

- The first servant receives five talents and works to build them into five more
- The second servant, who receives two talents, doubles their value as well
- But the third servant, who receives one talent, buries it

When the master returns, he praises the first and second servants, but he takes the one talent from the third servant because the servant was not a good steward of the money, having done nothing to increase its value. The lesson of the parable of the talents is that we are to make good use of material gifts given to us by God. To be less than frugal with our material goods is a sin. To do nothing with them is just as wrong.

When we do make the most of material possessions, Sacred Scripture points out two ways we can show our gratitude to God for his gifts.

- First, because God is the Giver, some percentage of what is received must be returned to Him as an act of gratitude. (The Old Testament people were expected to give a tithe of 10 percent. This practice is mentioned 39 times in the Old Testament and 11 times in the New Testament, so we know it is God's will that the practice be continued.)
- Secondly, there should be some sharing of our money and material goods with those in need in our family, community, diocese and world. Paul 11, Cor. 9:1-15.

*Your gift of treasure is a direct gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."*