

Small-Group Leaders for *Grateful Living:* *The Joy of Stewardship*

Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship is a twelve-session, faith-sharing resource to communicate the Church's mission and vision of stewardship using the small group faith-sharing model.

The Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship small-group leaders are invited into leadership by the *Grateful Living* parish coordinating team. These small-group leaders will facilitate and guide parishioners in the *Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship* process. They will provide pastoral care and service to their groups. It is important that the small-group leaders have the time necessary to attend the two formation workshops and prayerfully prepare for their groups' sessions.

To assist the small-group leaders, the staff of RENEW International will provide a small-group leader formation workshop before each of the two seasons. The handbook *Essentials for Small-Group Leaders* offers a wealth of insights and practical suggestions for leaders of small-groups as well as ideas and strategies to help enhance the process of faith-sharing. Every small-group leader should be registered on the RENEW International website, www.renewintl.org.

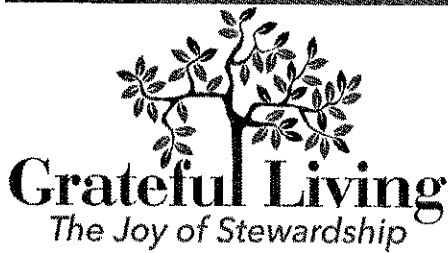
The Qualities of Small-Group Leaders

The qualities of a small-group leaders for the *Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship* process include:

- ◆ Active listeners; able to listen without judgement
- ◆ Open and approachable
- ◆ Caring and hospitable
- ◆ Calm/self-possessed
- ◆ Prayerful; committed to their relationship with God
- ◆ Hopeful
- ◆ Mission oriented

The Responsibilities of the Small-Group leaders include:

- ◆ Become familiar with the *Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship* process
- ◆ Attend the two workshops for small-group leaders
- ◆ Prepare for each session of their group
- ◆ Create a welcoming and safe atmosphere in which the participants are encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings without judgement
- ◆ Assure privacy
- ◆ Listen compassionately
- ◆ Keep the small-group gatherings on track, not letting it wander into other agendas and keep the conversation on track
- ◆ Encourage participants to live their faith through action
- ◆ Provide feedback to the parish coordinating team



Preparing for: Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship

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Timeline

Oct. 20, 2022 (7:00pm)	Coordinator Workshop
Jan. 25, 2023 (7:00pm)	Workshop I for Small-Group Facilitators
January 28 - 29, 2023	Sign-Up Sunday
February 4 - 5, 2023	Prayer Commitment Sunday
Week of Feb. 19, 2023	Season 1 begins
After April 10, 2023	Evaluating and celebrating Season 1
Sept 20, 2023 (7:00pm)	Workshop II for Small-Group Facilitators
October 22 - 23, 2023	Prayer Commitment Sunday
Week of Oct. 24, 2023	Season 2 begins
During January 2024	Evaluating and celebrating

Next Steps

1. Pray for the members of your community.
2. Review the material from this workshop
3. Get together with one or more other leaders to prepare the first session of the Season.
4. Contact all your small-group members; answer any questions; ask them to read the introductory pages of the book and prepare Session 1 before the first gathering.
5. Make a commitment to invite one or more new people to join your community.
6. Work together for a strong Sign-up effort.