

Current Year and Next Year Total Commitment Declaration

We, the undersigned Parish Priest, Parish Council President, and Parish Council Treasurer, do hereby verify that this Declaration, along with the attached Previous Year Financial Statement and Next Year Budget, truthfully and accurately reflect all parish expenditures and income.

On behalf of the parish, we declare our commitment to fully and generously provide the necessary funds to make it possible for the parish to grow and expand its ministry in fulfillment of the Lord's commandment, to "make disciples of all the nations" (*Matthew 28:19*).

We also acknowledge the responsibility and commitment of the Parish Council to:

- a. Collect all of the revenue of the Parish.
- b. Provide for the Priest's remuneration and benefits in accordance with the annual Clergy Compensation Plan of the Archdiocese, and to pay him in a prompt and timely manner.
- c. As necessary, provide for the salary(ies) of the Parish personnel and to pay such salary(ies) in a prompt and timely manner.
- d. Provide financial resources for the Parish's administration and for the Parish's spiritual, educational, and other ministries and expenses.
- e. Provide for payments and assessments for support of the national ministries of the Archdiocese as fixed by the Clergy-Laity Congresses, specifically:
 - (1) To budget the Total Commitment allocation amount as determined by the Metropolis Finance Committee, which will be a proportion of the Metropolis assessment.
 - (2) To accept the parish subsidy for the Archdiocese Benefits Plan, this amount being \$5,700 per annum per assigned clergyman.
 - (3) To remit the proportionate payment of the Total Commitment allocation and of the Archdiocese Benefits Plan subsidy on a monthly basis in a prompt and timely manner.

We declare and verify that the Parish Council is the custodian of all Parish funds. No Parish funds are maintained in any account other than those established by the Parish Council, and all funds are administered by the Parish Council through the duly elected Parish Council Treasurer.

We moreover declare and verify that full and transparent disclosure of all parish funds and finances is being made to the parish membership and to the Metropolis office.

We verify that our 20__ Total Commitment allocation is \$ _____ .

As of this date we have submitted \$ _____ of our 20__ Total Commitment allocation to the Archdiocese Stewardship Office, and \$ _____ of our 20__ Archdiocese Benefits Plan subsidy to the Archdiocese Benefits Office.

We verify that our 20__ Total Commitment allocation will be \$ _____ .

PARISH SEAL

(Date)

(Priest)

(Present Year Parish Council President)

(Present Year Parish Council Treasurer)

Enclosures:

1. Last Year's (20____) Parish Financial Statement
2. Next Year's (20____) Budget