

Gardens of Technology and the Mind

SUGGESTIONS FOR WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN



The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Applying Christian Stewardship to Every Area of Our Lives

↑ Suggested title & logo
for use in weekly bulletin

Suggested
Introductory text ↓

Being good stewards includes recognizing God's gifts in every area of our lives, using these gifts responsibly and sharing them in love and justice. The 'Twelve Gardens of Stewardship' is a concept that identifies twelve different areas of our everyday life in which we should be mindful of conducting ourselves within the will of God – or, twelve different 'gardens' which we should tend to and cultivate. Each month, our school (a grade in our school) will focus on one or more of these gardens. The Gardens of Technology and the Mind is the focus for the month of May.

Gardens of Technology and the Mind

Suggested description of the Gardens of Technology and the Mind is below - to edit and adapt as needed for your parish's weekly bulletin.

We are created in the image of God. Our minds are extraordinary gifts that allow us to have fellowship with our Creator. We know from scripture that God has called us to have a spirit of 'love, power and a sound mind.' We should always be learning, questioning, and thirsting for knowledge, in both our spiritual and temporal worlds. Technology can be very useful toward this purpose, when used responsibly. This month, the seventh grade students will discuss ways to continue gaining knowledge and growing their minds, including through the ethical use of technology.

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER MEDITATIONS

- **Parishioner Meditations - Cultivating our Gardens of Technology and the Mind**

We live in a vastly different world from the one of just fifty years ago. Our technological advances allow us to do things both good and bad that were not even thought of just a generation ago. It is our daily choice as to how to use the gifts of technology that surround us. We may ask ourselves; Do I use the technology as a gift from God, to learn and expand my mind? Do I thank God for the technologies of modern life available to me, such as a computer, digital camera, car, etc.? Do I use technology in my life to become a fuller person, according to God's will?

- **Scripture**

"Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge." *Prov 18:15*

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." *Phil 4:8*



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A NOTE TO PASTORS:

The Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools department has worked closely with the office of Parish Stewardship to develop curriculum suggestions based on 'The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship,' a concept developed by Bishop Robert Morneau of the Diocese of Green Bay, which helps us apply Christian stewardship to every area of our daily lives.

We encourage you to help to foster Stewardship as a way of life by offering timely, coordinating support of this portion of your parish school's curriculum.

Above is suggested text, scriptures and meditations for the 'Twelve Gardens of Stewardship'. Our hope is that you and your staff find these useful for pulpit announcements, placing notices in your weekly church bulletin, and perhaps as a source of inspiration for homilies or 'Prayers of the Faithful.'

The schedule of the 'Twelve Gardens' curriculum is a suggested proposal, so you may wish to have your staff verify your school's participation and 'Garden' focus each month before including an announcement in your bulletin. The scheduled focus for the month of May is the 'Gardens of Technology and the Mind.'

Your staff is free to use the above graphic logo and text – and to **edit and adapt** the 'Garden' section, as appropriate.

You will find more information at the new Archdiocesan webpage: www.seattlearch.org/gardens

Also, the [Office of Parish Stewardship](#) is here to assist you in any way.