

Question: [What is Amen Generosity?](#)

Answer: *Amen Generosity* offers Catholic parishes a new path to inspire and invite greater giving to the parish offertory.

Question: [Why is Amen in the name?](#)

Answer: Amen means Yes. It is our positive response. When we Catholics receive the Eucharist, the minister says, The Body of Christ. Our answer is just one word... Amen. Yes to receiving the Real Presence of the Jesus in the sacred Body and Blood. Yes to Jesus living in us, and Yes to living as the Body of Christ - which is the Church in the world. *Amen Generosity* awakens a deeper appreciation of the truth that God does 100% of the giving. God gives us life, makes us gift, and, if we say Amen, we receive and allow God's generosity to flow freely through us as His humble instruments to help build the Kingdom.

Question: [Why is a faucet helpful to understanding the key principle of Amen Generosity?](#)

Answer: We are a faucet of God's generosity. God gives to us and the flow is meant to be channeled through us to serve and to give generously to others. However, we control the flow. Our response is not forced. We decide if God's generosity flows through us as a trickle or if it flows fully and freely through us because we are turned wide open.

Question: [What blessing does Amen Generosity bring to the giver?](#)

Answer: There is no greater joy than to be used by God to bless others. Jesus said himself that it is more blessed to give than to receive.(Acts 20:35) Charity is the principal virtue of a Christian life. God loved us so much that he gave us his only begotten Son.(Jn 3:16) Jesus gave up heaven to become one of us and gave his life to save us. At the end of our lives, what we have given away is all that we will hold to our name. To let God's generosity flow freely through us is a tremendous blessing to the giver.

Question: [What blessing does Amen Generosity bring to the parish?](#)

Answer: Our parish channels the combined generosity of all of its members to do God's work. This takes the form of ministry within the parish community and beyond it to care for God's children who are most in need. The sudden and unthinkable stoppage of our Mass has forced a serious disruption to our ministry and to the generosity that makes that ministry possible. Our ministry as a parish and our mission to build the Kingdom of God is critical. *Amen Generosity* will help us restore our parish ministry with specific goals that will be made by possible by generosity to our parish offertory.

Question: *Who created Amen Generosity?*

Answer: *Amen Generosity* was developed on the basis of the extensive experience and creative thinking by the dedicated team of Greater Mission, a national group dedicating to helping the Church advance its sacred mission.

Question: *How does Amen Generosity work?*

Answer: Each participating parish is assigned a Greater Mission staff member to assist the parish staff with planning, preparation and implementation of the *Amen Generosity* process. Because every parish is different, the goals and the process are tailored to the parish. There are four weeks of preparation and four weeks of implementation to the *Amen Generosity* model. *Amen Generosity* is designed to be renewed each year with new goals that help the parish move forward in fulfilling its mission.

Question: *How much does Amen Generosity cost?*

Answer: The full cost of materials production and the support offered by Greater Mission through virtual training, planning and coaching is **\$5 per household plus postage**. The return on that investment in the form of restored and increased generosity is high. In that way, *Amen Generosity* easily pays for itself based on its outcomes for the parish.

Question: *What makes Amen Generosity distinct from other models?*

Answer:

- #1.** *Amen Generosity* positively inspires a greater parishioner response based on a twofold motivation – greater joy in being a faithful instrument of God’s goodness; and a greater desire to help the parish move its mission forward in specific ways.
- #2.** *Amen Generosity* comes with a prepackaged design that is then tailored to each parish and actively supported each week by the Greater Mission Coordinator.
- #3.** *Amen Generosity* is priced low to deliver a high return on investment and designed in a streamlined way so that it can be updated each year to build sustained growth in offertory giving.
- #4.** *Amen Generosity* provides an important new way to help people think about their faith-filled giving and their role as co-responsible for the mission of the parish.
- #5.** *Amen Generosity* has been designed to be delivered in Spanish as well as English and has proven to be effective in both communities. Greater Mission has a history of success serving bilingual and predominantly Latino parishes, as well as a diverse group of other ethnic parish faith communities.