

A close-up photograph of a person's hand gently holding a small, vibrant green seedling with several leaves, growing out of a mound of dark, rich soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of care, growth, and hope.

PASTORAL SERVICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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ACCOUNTABIL ITY

- **Non-financial:**
stewardship, co-responsibility,
active involvement
 - **Financial –**
good management and
transparency
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STEWARDSHIP

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Honing and using
one's gifts/talents
for the good of the
Church

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Caring for the
community

CO- RESPONSIBILITY

taking upon oneself, along with the other members of the Church, the task of enhancing the quality of life in the community, of growing in faith and holiness, of building communion

Can. 208 – equality of dignity and action

Can. 210 – duty to spread the divine message of salvation

Can. 211 – duty to promote the growth of the Church and sanctification

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION

- Faithfulness in fulfilling one's role and obligations in the Church
- "You must ask yourself, as a Catholic, Do I see reality from afar? You can't be a spectator. Commit yourself. Do your best." - Pope Francis

**GOOD
MANAGEMENT
OF
RESOURCES**

Parish Finance Council : To assist the pastor in the administration of goods (can. 537)

Diligence of a good householder (can. 1284) – to administer Church goods according to the law

Canonical Provisions on Administration of Goods

1° exercise vigilance so that the goods entrusted to their care are in no way lost or damaged, taking out insurance policies for this purpose insofar as necessary;

2° take care that the ownership of ecclesiastical goods is protected by civilly valid methods;

3° observe the prescripts of both canon and civil law or those imposed by a founder, a donor, or legitimate authority, and especially be on guard so that no damage comes to the Church from the non-observance of civil laws;

Canonical Provisions on Administration of Goods

4° collect the return of goods and the income accurately and on time, protect what is collected, and use them according to the intention of the founder or legitimate norms;

5° pay at the stated time the interest due on a loan or mortgage and take care that the capital debt itself is repaid in a timely manner;

6° with the consent of the ordinary, invest the money which is left over after expenses and can be usefully set aside for the purposes of the juridic person;

Canonical Provisions on Administration of Goods

- 7° keep well organized books of receipts and expenditures;
- 8° draw up a report of the administration at the end of each year;
- 9° organize correctly and protect in a suitable and proper archive the documents and records on which the property rights of the Church or the institute are based, and deposit authentic copies of them in the archive of the curia when it can be done conveniently.



TRANSPARENC Y

- Can. 1287 §1. Both clerical and lay administrators of any ecclesiastical goods whatever which have not been legitimately exempted from the power of governance of the diocesan bishop are bound by their office to present an annual report to the local ordinary who is to present it for examination by the finance council; any contrary custom is reprobated.
- §2. According to norms to be determined by particular law, administrators are to render an account to the faithful concerning the goods offered by the faithful to the Church."