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Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship 2018 *"I have a holy task for you"* *(Father Boniface)*

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Protection of the Theotokos

Beloved in Christ,

In preparation for his one-year memorial service St. Philip's gathered from many sources what was considered to be some of the "wisdom" of Father Boniface: witticisms, pithy sayings, memorable quotes. To the Stewardship Team one in particular seemed to stand out right away – "I have a holy task for you" - so much so that we have adopted that as our stewardship theme for the coming year.

Coincidentally, one of our members suggested a Biblical passage from the Book of Proverbs that seems to open up a timely meaning of those words:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
And he will make straight your paths.
(Prov. 3:5,6)*

I would like to suggest following that advice when making your stewardship commitment for the coming year.

In past years this letter has attempted to awaken consciousness of the importance of stewardship with references to various Biblical texts. By now we are familiar with Scriptural admonitions to give of what we have received, back to Christ through the Church. We don't need any more citations.

Instead I would merely like to suggest that when you are about to fill out your pledge card this year, Sit down! Close your eyes! Imagine that you are sitting face-to-face, one-on-one with father Boniface. Listen very carefully! Hear what he is saying: "I have a holy task for you!"

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Fred Kompass

Fred Kompass, on behalf of the
St. Philip's Stewardship Team

"And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26