



## MEMO

Date: October 16, 2020  
To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, and Parish Finance Council Members  
From: Tony Riehl, Executive Director  
**RE: Compass Catholic Ministries**

In recent years, several parishes have hosted financial planning workshops for their parishioners. The resource most often employed is Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a Christian Faith based program. Parishes have asked whether there are other similar vendors and/or specifically Catholic vendors. As such, I am pleased to inform you of one such vendor, *Compass Catholic Ministries*.

Compass Catholic Ministries teaches an authentically Catholic approach to personal finances. Their classes encourage individuals to be fully engaged in their faith journey and become free from financial obligations and debts. Their message of financial discipleship transcends income level, net worth, and debt load. Compass Catholic has held workshops in Diocese across the United States and around the world.

**"Faith and Money Matters"** is their primary bible study that dives deep into money management from a Catholic viewpoint. Participants learn how to create a spending plan, how to get out of debt, and how to start saving and investing. Most importantly, they learn how financial discipleship can change their lives!

**"Set Your House In Order"** is a bible study that helps participants create, update, and organize all important personal information including health care directives, power of attorney, password lists, insurance policies, assets, funeral planning, etc. The study provides a Catholic perspective for these activities including a discussion on Catholic living wills.

**"Spiritual Cents – Faith & Finances For Teens"** helps teens learn how to manage money and finances including: wants vs. needs, spending plans, credit cards, setting goals, saving and investing, and their role as stewards of God's blessings.

These courses can be taken individually online, in small groups, or facilitated at a parish. **There is no cost to the parish**, and participants only pay a small fee for the books. They also offer all courses in Spanish.

For more information and details on the classes, please see the attached flier. If you are interested in offering these courses to your parishioners, please contact Jon Bean or Caitlyn Kano at Compass Catholic Ministries. By phone at 407-878-7637 or email at [info@compasscatholic.org](mailto:info@compasscatholic.org).



## About Us

Compass Catholic Ministries was founded in 2010. Since that time, Compass Catholic Studies and workshops have been held in almost 40 Dioceses across the United States, and in 15 other countries across the world.

Our message of financial discipleship transcends income level, net worth, and debt load. Our mission is to teach an authentically Catholic approach to personal finances, allowing individuals to be fully engaged in their faith journey, and become free from financial obligations so they may fulfill the unique purpose God has for them.

## Recommendations

“Many families experience turmoil due to the management of their personal finances. As they learn to manage their finances according to God’s way (as detailed in Scripture) it leads to financial freedom and peace of mind. The small group studies sponsored by Compass Catholic Ministries are excellent parish programs to assist families toward that end.”

**Fr. Richard Walsh (Pastor, St. Margaret Mary, Vicar General, Diocese of Orlando)**

“Completing the Compass coursework has been a wonderful opportunity for me to review my personal life in the financial aspects and to make a commitment to be debt free and to acknowledge that God is the owner of everything. We are only his administrators. Sharing this powerful message with the parish community will bring awareness of God’s position with regards to personal possessions and our responsibility to share it with our Church. The result will be better quality of life and a closer relationship with God.”

**Fr. Carlos Bedoya (Pastor, Diocese of Orlando)**

## Our Impact

The following survey results indicate the life changes experienced by people who had completed the Bible study an average of 3 years prior to the survey:

† Time in service to church	+ 47%
† Frequency of prayer	+ 48%
† Frequency of Bible reading	+ 64%
† Marriages Strengthened	+ 78%
† Personal Debt	- 38%
† Personal Savings	+ 52%
† Church Giving	+ 70%
† <b>Total Charitable Giving</b>	<b>+ 71%</b>

“Money must serve, not rule”

Pope Francis

**It’s not about the money**

**It’s about the change**

**Don’t wait—Get started today!**

**Understanding a biblical perspective on money and possessions is something every family needs!**

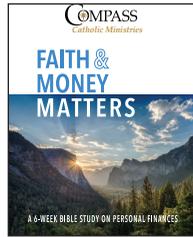
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## Our Studies

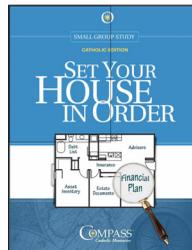
### Faith & Money Matters

*Faith & Money Matters* is our primary Bible study that dives deep into money management from an authentically Catholic viewpoint. This class can be done individually, online, in a small group, or facilitated in a parish. Over the course of six sessions, participants learn how to create a spending plan, how to get out of crushing debt, and how to start saving and investing for long term financial wellbeing. Most importantly, they learn how financial discipleship can change their lives!



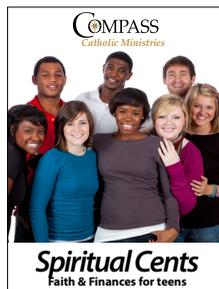
### Set Your House in Order

If something were to happen to you, the most important gift you can give your family is organized and up to date information. Unfortunately, most of us don't even know where to start. *Set Your House in Order* is a five session Bible study that can be done individually, online, in a small group, or facilitated in a parish. The purpose of *Set Your House in Order* is to help you create, update and organize all your important information (health care surrogate, power of attorney, password list, advisors, assets, debts, will, insurance, etc.).



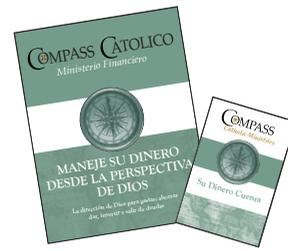
### Spiritual Cents-Faith & Finances for Teens

The financial success of teenagers is not about how much they earn; it's about how well they manage what they have. *Spiritual Cents* is 16 short financial lessons every teen needs to know, including: wants vs needs; honesty; spending plans; credit cards, loans; saving and investing; paying interest or earning interest; paychecks, setting goals and most importantly their role as stewards of God's blessings.



### Maneje Su Dinero Con La Perspectiva De Dios

*Maneje Su Dinero Desde La Perspectiva De Dios* es un estudio bíblico de nueve semanas de duración que se realizará en pequeños grupos reunidos dos horas a la semana. Para prepararse para cada una de estas reuniones tendrá que dedicar 15 minutos al día a la lectura de un conjunto de versos de la Biblia, así como a dar respuesta a una serie de preguntas relacionadas que se comentarán y debatirán en grupo cada semana.



### Ponga Su Casa En Orden

*Ponga Su Casa En Orden* es un estudio bíblico de cinco semanas, que se reúne en pequeños grupos por 2 horas cada semana. El propósito del estudio es ayudarle a crear, actualizar y organizar todos sus documentos importantes (representante para la salud, poder, lista de claves, consejeros, activos, deudas, testamento, seguros, etc.). En caso de un accidente, enfermedad o muerte, lo mas importante que le puede dar a su familia es su información organizada.

