

# Best of ICSC 2022 October 2-5, 2022 in Anaheim

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## Breakfast Plenary Speaker: Msgr. Kieran Harrington (Pontifical Mission Societies, NYC)

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- It's so easy for us to become desensitized to the suffering around us.
- All renewal must have mission as its goal. (Pope JP2)
- St. Pope John 23 impromptu "Moonlight Speech" at opening of Vatican II (October 11, 1962)

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Use John 23 "Moonlight Speech" as a stewardship reflection at Discipleship Council.  
*"Let us continue to love each other, to look out for each other along the way: to welcome whoever comes close to us, and set aside whatever difficulty it might bring."*

## Stewardship Through & Through: Leisa Anslinger

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- Keep in mind WHY we do what we do. WHO are we? Focus on the HOW (values & principles), they will lead us to the WHAT (strategies).
- Jesus' call is URGENT, follow Him now, in this moment
- Stewardship is not a program and there is no "end" to our work. We just keep stretching and growing, we are never "finished" disciples/stewards.

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Gather everyone who has ever served on DC – *how have we grown, what are we called-to now*
- Use Leisa's Annual Stewardship Planning Grid ([GratefulDisciples.net](http://GratefulDisciples.net))
- St. Laurence mugs for new parishioners at Sunday Coffee & Donuts

## We Want to Be a Stewardship Parish: Create a Plan to Keep on Target – Jennifer Van Zandt

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- Current headlines and church attendance data are overwhelming – shift focus to the good happening
- Form ministry leaders in stewardship principles (ex: does the Bridge Group really lead people to Jesus? But instead of asking them to leave, see how they can align with the mission)

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Add video announcements from Fr. Drew to weekly Flocknote
- Catholics Invade the Bar (respond to/meet people where they are/fun to meet outside church)
- Finding Faith in the Movies (Loyola Institute program) watch & discuss themes
- Celebrate Patron's Feast Day (bring children into pageantry, procession/play/meal)

## Preaching Stewardship: Fr. Stephen Jones

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- 10) Remember the purpose of the homily

- 9) Set the tone
- 8) “De-com-part-mentalize” (Catholics tend to compartmentalize giving until they recognize all is gift)
- 7) Preach stewardship always and, when necessary, use words
- 6) Know your audience
- 5) Address the elephant in the room (don’t be afraid to talk about money, but not ONLY about money)
- 4) Have a plan (spend time preparing your homilies – it’s your main point of contact with parishioners)
- 3) Lead the charge (demonstrate that you are giving not out of duty, but desire)
- 2) Ingrain the WHY (move from “paying the bills” mentality to “living the vision” mentality)
- 1) Triple-Triple-Triple: Kerygma, Hospitality, Catechesis

#### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Ask clergy to listen to this presentation on preaching stewardship
- Reference *Unleashing Catholic Generosity* ([Notre Dame Study](#))
- Remember, we ask people to give sacrificially as a GOAL, not a mandate
- Replace Time, Talent & Treasure with Prayer, Participation & Sacrificial Giving

#### Stewardship in the Vietnamese Community: Fr. Bill Cao, Fr. Tuyen Nguyen

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##### WHAT I HEARD:

- Vietnamese Proverb: *Remember Who planted the fruit.*
- Upward mobility is important –connect that desire to betterment of the parish family
- Respect for elders is important – important to know the right way to greet/acknowledge them
- Thank-you’s are very important – shows honor & respect, might take a long time (be patient)
- The Blessed Mother is very important – Lady of LeVang a symbol of faith, hope & promise

##### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Encourage participation of next (English-speaking) generation in all aspects of parish life
- Ask Fr. Drew to wear traditional Vietnamese clergy attire for Tet celebration
- Learn and make the Sign of the Cross in Vietnamese
- When translating (Forming Intentional Families), TRANSCREATE versus transliterate

#### 8 Ways to Build Parish Community: Leisa Anslinger

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##### WHAT I HEARD:

- 1) Embrace servant leadership.
- 2) Set the tone.
- 3) Develop communities within the community.
- 4) Open doors.
- 5) Be attentive.
- 6) Call forth and animate the gifts of all.
- 7) Develop a strong sense of mission.
- 8) Become a community that journeys together.

##### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Review the parish mission statement often – and at the Joint Councils Meeting.

## Luncheon Plenary Speaker: Bishop Don Hanchon

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- Every steward is known, loved and cared-for by their Creator.
- Isolation is fatal, come to Mass in-person: “You have to be present to WIN!”
- Many people can do great things by just doing a little. (Mustard Seed parable)
- Remember WHOSE we are – we are meant to be in community, one Body.

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- What lessons will we recognize as learned from pandemic when we look back years from now?

## Practical Tips for Promoting Stewardship: Dave Baranowski

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- The seed of trust is HUMILITY – move from spiritual curiosity to follower of Jesus
- As we grow in discipleship → gratitude grows → in gratitude, our natural instinct is to share (ex: I give you a big box of chocolates, what do you say, and what’s the first thing you do?)
- Skills/abilities can be used for good or bad – but CHARISMS can only be used for good
- Help people learn their charisms → evangelization is natural outcome of using charisms (life-giving)

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Personal Stewardship – saying thank-you is the easiest way to pray, share your stories
- Parish Stewardship – be welcoming, don’t stop ministry activity in the summer, collaboration happens naturally when you get ministries together, have term limits for councils/committees/leaders, develop a parish communication strategy
- Diocesan Stewardship – offer training for parishes, provide marketing materials

## Growing Engagement Post-Covid: Tom Corcoran

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### WHAT I HEARD:

- Always goes back to the WHY – we engage people so they grow as disciples of Jesus
  - S** – serve
  - T** – tithe
  - E** – engage
  - P** – practice prayer & sacraments
  - S** – share your faith
- Preach on money when it’s in the readings (there are at least 77 times in Scripture)
- It’s a privilege to lead people to be givers, because Jesus was a giver
- Lead by example – others may give more \$\$, but you give sacrificially

### IDEAS FOR MY PARISH:

- Ask people to give to VISION and not for need (Mark 10:21)
- Ask for a commitment once a year, but invite throughout the year
- Text to give – super easy for givers
- Embrace digital – it’s here to stay – REMEMBER THE MISSION is to make disciples
- (Super brief) videos from Fr. Drew and others with giving/stewardship messages
- Lunches and personal meetings, especially with the pastor, still matter
- **rebuiltparish.com** – sign on for Wednesday Webinars at noon EST