Stewardship Networking Group Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Join US! Our first meeting back: March Virtual Meeting Thursday, March 11, 10:00am to 12 NOON. Virtual Meeting see Invite below! "Moving Forward"

- Lessons learned and 'unexpected blessings' from the Pandemic.
- As we transition back to a more normal parish life, do we go back to business as usual?
- How best to serve our parishioners!
- Time for Q &A
- Bring your ideas, challenges, what's working in your parish, etc.

Speaker: Julie Borg, facilitator, St Laurence Discipleship Council, longtime educator and teacher trainer in Fort Bend ISD. A Catholic steward who lives her faith every day and one of our most engaged parishioners.

St Laurence was honored in 2019, by the International Catholic Stewardship Council, with the Stewardship Parish of the Year, for its longtime commitment to Stewardship as a Way of Life.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/121452845

As we make our way through this pandemic, I know I have had more time to read scripture, to pray, and basically to do some soul searching. For me the below Ecclesiastes scripture has helped me get through difficult episodes in my life. After rereading and even listening to a song from on it, it has recharged my faith—once again. Coni Perez

Christian pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer spoke about this scripture: "I discovered later, and I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that is it only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. By this worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world. That, I think, is faith."

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather
- stones a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Mark your Calendar:

May, 13, SNG, meeting, watch for invite.

Oct 8-12: ICSC annual conference, Orlando Fl.

Many, many webinars, updates, available with good Stewardship resources. If you want to get on our mailing list, please contact us, see below.

"Once one becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, Stewardship is not an option" ICSC

Meetings temporarily held virtually!

Email us for any resource needs!

<u>Join the Stewardship Networking Group!</u> Meetings, in normal times, 2nd Thursday of every other month from 10:00 am to 12 Noon, at a host parish.

You are invited to participate in a forum for idea sharing on all issues related to stewardship. Share ideas, ask questions, spread the word, bring a friend! For more information about this group in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and to get on our email list, please contact: Coni Perez at coniperez@sbcglobal.net or Suzanne Staron at starons@stbchurch.org.