

Stewardship Networking Group ***Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston***

July Stewardship Networking Meeting – NOTES

THANK YOU, to Rhonda Bean at the Archdiocese Downtown Chancery, for hosting our meeting and to the eleven parishes who attended. These are condensed notes on the topics covered by Rhonda. If you have questions or want the complete presentation please contact Rhonda Bean.

How to Organize a Productive Parish Leadership Meeting

Meetings are important and must have a purpose and a time limit, they may boost efficiency and productivity or they can be a waste of time! Constructive meetings must include the right people for the topic.

- **How to:** start with an agenda, list critical questions. Meetings should be about discussions and not announcements.
- **Ask critical questions:** keep Church mission in focus.
- **Prayerful questions and discussions lead to answers and decisions that assist your parish in fulfilling the church's mission**
- **Engage everyone in the meeting: Equip your team, help them to show accountability and help with decision making.**
- **Updates, reports on the agenda?**
- **Start and finish on time, have clear house rules, Listen to others, stay on topic.**
- **Send out meeting minutes, as soon as possible!**

Question asked: *how to facilitate a meeting which includes Spanish speakers? If everything will have to be translated, try holding a meeting in English another in Spanish and be sure to advise each group of the update on meetings.*

"Leaders do not need answers. Leaders must ask the right questions" Lovett Weems

Also, Presentation – 175 years in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston presented by Historian Lisa May was very informative and interesting, thank you Lisa!

More Stewardship Education:

How to be a Cheerful Giver

Tuesday, July 26th, the annual Stewardship Speaker Series event, at St. Mary's Seminary, at 6 PM. All priests are invited as well as the Parish Stewardship Council, Parish Council, Finance Council members and staff.

Our special presenter this year is **Father T.J. Dolce** Pastor, St. Martha Catholic Church in Kingwood. Fr. Dolce was ordained on May 30, 2009, as a priest for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He also has the experiences of being the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, administrator of St. Thomas More Parish in Southwest Houston, parochial vicar at St. Martha's in Kingwood and St. Mary's in Humble. Fr. T.J. grew up in Houston graduated from Jersey Village High School before attending the University of St. Thomas, where he graduated in 2001. He went to St. Mary's Seminary and received his Master of Divinity in 2009. Fr. T.J. loves being a priest and is excited to serve the Lord and the people of God! **PLEASE REGISTER**

HERE: tinyurl.com/stewardship22

OTHER: ICSC Conference, in Anaheim, Ca, Oct 2nd - 5th. Still time to take advantage of early registration. See: <https://catholicstewardship.com/> (for more information contact Tony Oltremari, St Laurence)

NEXT Meeting 9/8/22, "Establish & Sustain an Effective Stewardship Committee" St Bernadette Catholic Church 15500 El Camino Real Houston, TX 77062.



Meetings held 2nd Thursday of every other month 10:00 am to 12 Noon.

To ask questions get resources on stewardship and to get on our email list, Coni Perez at coniperez@sbcglobal.net or Suzanne Staron starons@stbchurch.org