## Stewardship Networking Group Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Join Us For Our JULY 13, MEETING, 10am; at St Luke Catholic Church\*

"Stepping Up & Letting Go/Bridging the Generation Gap"

SPEAKER on ZOOM, Salisha Miller, currently, the Campus Minister of the Catholic Newman Center at University of Houston plus has worked with the young adults at different parishes.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Bring your ideas and resources: "how to attract/invite young people into leadership/ministry in your parish. Also encouraging long-time parishioners to "let go" and share parish leadership.

\*St Luke Catholic Church 11011 Hall Rd, Houston Tx 77089 Parish Social Hall

Engaging Parish Leaders - These "best practices" are offered as guidelines along the way offered by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. In the following months, this column will feature the "best practices" for Parish Leaders starting with the Pastor, Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, and Parish Committees.

Successful stewardship parishes begin by engaging the Pastor and the Pastoral Council leadership in a conversation about a common vision for enhancing the parish stewardship culture. How parishioners respond to the stewardship message depends, in large part, on the commitment of these parish leaders.

The response of parishioners to stewardship education, and to what will be asked of them as baptized Catholics, can be greatly influenced by the degree of importance the Pastor places on stewardship as a way of life

## **BEST PRACTICES FOR A Pastor IN A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

- Support publicly elements of the parish stewardship plan.
- Include stewardship themes in homilies throughout the year.
- Encourage the Pastoral Council, and other parish leadership groups, to read about and study stewardship.
- Utilize the resources, training and consulting services available from your Archdiocesan Office of Development & Stewardship and other.
- Help to select lay witnesses and assist with their training.
- Thank parishioners regularly for all they do to serve God and others.
- Pray that people in the parish will grow spiritually as a result of their embracing stewardship as a way of life.
- Make a personal commitment to stewardship as a way of life.
- Share stories of a personal stewardship journey.

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

To ask questions get resources on stewardship and to get on our email list, contact:



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14-Sep-23 Accountability & Transparency with Parishioners: Ron Svoboda (St. Ignatius)

9-Nov-23 Best of ICSC / Plan 2024 Calendar (Holy Family Missouri City)