

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

## **March Stewardship Networking Meeting – NOTES**

**THANK YOU**, to St Laurence for hosting our meeting and to all who attended. Thank you so much to Tony Oltremari for sharing from his immense knowledge on our topic the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Below are condensed notes on the topic covered by Tony, if you would like his complete notes please email him at [toltremani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toltremani@sbcglobal.net)

### A Summary of the U.S Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

*Being a Christian steward means more than being generous with giving of time, talent and treasure. Christian Stewards receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.*

**Disciples As Stewards:** A follower of Christ, as members of the Church Jesus calls us to be his and this has astonishing implications: Mature disciples: make a conscious decision to follow Jesus no matter the cost. Experience conversion – life changings of mind and heart, committing their very selves to the Lord, responding to the call to be a disciple.

*Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of life and the way in which we live. Recognizing God as the origin of life, giver of freedom and source of all things. Disciples are grateful for the gifts they have received and are eager to use them to show their love for God and for one another.*

**Stewards Of Creation:** God created the world and entrusted it to human beings. Caring and cultivating it entails: Joyful appreciation; Protection and preservation; Respect for human life; Development of this world through human effort.

**Stewards Of Vocation:** Jesus calls us to a new way of life, of which stewardship is part of. Each one of us has a personal vocation and God intents for each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out His plan. The challenge is to understand our role, our vocation and to respond to it.

**Stewards of the Church:** Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries but called to cooperate with God in our redemption and that of others. Proclaiming, teaching, serving and sanctifying is our task. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission.

**Stewards' Way:** The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and difficult, but, intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards.

*After Jesus, we look to Mary as the ideal steward. She lived her ministry and responded generously to her call.*

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