

Stewardship Networking Group

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

May Stewardship Networking Meeting – Ministry Fair NOTES

THANK YOU, St Anne for hosting our meeting and to the 12 parishes who attended. THANK YOU to Michele Yanta and her St Anne Team for the great information, handouts and displays. Below are condensed notes on the topic covered by Michele, Sharon/St Laurence, St Ignatius Team and others.

Essential Elements for Ministry Fair Success

Ownership & Engagement: Invite and make contact with all parish clergy, ministry groups, parish and school staff, include non-English speaking parish groups. Ministry Fair is led by the Stewardship committee.

Communication: Clear, timely, direct messaging, ministry directory, personal and digital, Mass announcements

Organization: Calendar, Calendar, Calendar! Prepare with plenty of time, include, ministry participants, venue set-up, back-up plan, etc

Innovation: Creative approaches & new features, “learn from last year, learn from others” don’t be afraid to try something new.

Promotion & Publicity: *Before:* Banners, signs, bulletin inserts, newsletter, notices to parishioners, school parents, etc. *Day of:* Volunteers, greeters, guides, ministry handouts, encouragement from the altar, clergy visibility at event. *After:* plenty of “thank you” to all involved in the event.

Presentation: Welcoming, attractive venue, visual displays, refreshments, photo ops, security

Follow-up: Thank all participants! Very important “a prompt response to interested volunteers” Feedback surveys, and notes for next year.

For handouts more info on the above: email:
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ST. LAURENCE CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES CHECKLIST		
SET	COMPLETE	TASK
Y		Planning Team Meeting
		Select Team Leader
		Review input from previous year
		Brainstorm new ideas for this year
		Add Celebration of Ministries to DC Meeting agenda
		Small ministry leaders date for Celebration of Ministries

Notes from St Laurence Celebration of Ministries Checklist with Target, Complete, and Task: starts 4 months ahead, very thorough, covers all areas and includes:

Start planning team meetings; Review input & surveys from last year; Inventory ministry fair signs/other, buy any needs; Brainstorm new ideas, Email all ministry leaders & others involved in the fair; Confirm and schedule all parish spaces to be used; Recruit Lay Witness Speakers, Update ministries—Church parade of ministries; Prepare bulletins, Create “Be the Light” award checklist; CCE class list posted in hall. Final details, set-up, day of and follow-up. For handout copies/other info email Sharon at: sehrenkranz@stlaurence.org

Notes from St. Ignatius Team:

Calendar Planning: start early, follow previous guidelines and add new ideas. Included many of the other church’s ideas. Also have created a specific parish hall set-up with viewable signage so ministries can be located in a room of over 100 ministry displays. Each ministry creates their own banners and they are hung in the church so everyone can see the depth of the parish ministries. Many other ideas from a long-term ministry fair contributor. For more information contact the St Ignatius Team at: stewardship@silcc.org

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Eucharistic Stewardship: Responding with Grateful Hearts*

The ICSC family invites you to its 61st anniversary stewardship conference to be held October 1 to 4, 2023 in Orlando, Florida. To register visit: www.catholicstewardship.com

13-Jul-23	ROUNDTABLE: Stepping Up & Letting Go/Bridging the Generation Gap (St. Luke)
14-Sep-23	Accountability & Transparency with Parishioners: Ron Svoboda (St. Ignatius)
9-Nov-23	Best of ICSC / Plan 2024 (Holy Family Missouri City)

Meetings held 2nd Thursday of every other month 10:00 am to 12 Noon. (see schedule above)

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

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