

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

## **May Stewardship Networking Meeting – Ministry Fair NOTES**

THANK YOU, to Ann Malloy, Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, for hosting our SNG group! Plus, Ann gave us a thorough process, with timelines and many other specific details including setup maps, etc. Christ the Good Shepherd is rewarded every year with many volunteers from their annual Ministry Fair renewal. Other parishes also shared their ideas and information on their annual renewal.

### **2024 ICSC ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE “CALLED TO BE SAINTS”**

September 15-18 New Orleans, La. To register visit: [www.catholicstewardship.com](http://www.catholicstewardship.com)

Below is a brief synopsis of our meeting notes, all notes, plans, etc, provided by Ann Malloy can be found at [To Share Stewardship 2024 - Google Drive](#) and/or [Christ the Good Shepherd | Stewardship | Spring, TX \(cgscddogh.org\)](#)

Also, Carole Updyke and her stewardship group at Holy Family Church in Missouri City, have had great success with their ministry fairs. For their information, contact: [caroleupdyke@att.net](mailto:caroleupdyke@att.net)

#### *Planning for Successful Ministry Fairs*

**Organization:** Start early on your planning (6 to 9 months)! Create Calendar with timeline. Invite other ministry leaders to help with the planning. What about the budget for this event? Review last year’s fair, what was the feedback? what do we need to do better? Review your Church Mission statement, are we staying true to it?

**Action Plan:** “who are we trying to reach? How will we present or publish our idea? Where will event be held? Whose approval do we need to get? What resources do we have?, etc.

**Promotions and Communications:** Having a communications plan, “crucial” . AAn individual or group can take the lead to be sure clear timely and that all parish communication portals available are utilized, including social sites, bulletin, newsletters, signs, etc. Should be an on-going process for the entire time.

**Get your Pastor and all clergy involved:** “the best voices in the parish” to call attention to the importance of being a participant in your church home.

**Day of:** An organized, welcoming event including food, entertainment, informative displays, happy faces go along way to introduce your parish ministries and get parishioners involved in ministry.

**Follow-up:** A prompt response thanking all participants, whether they signed up or not. Prompt meeting or a form of follow up to those who signed up in your ministry shows you are interested in their participation. Did you do a Feedback survey? Have a committee follow up meeting and take notes for next year!

### **2024 Calendar**

11-July-24	Caring for Creation: Jenny Nutzman (St. Laurence-Sugarland, Tx)
12-Sept-24	Communicating Stewardship: Sean O’Driscoll (St. Anne-Houston, Tx)
14-Nov-24	Best of ICSC / Plan 2025 Roundtable discussion (St Bernadette, Clear Lake City, Tx)

**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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