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

## JOIN US AT OUR MARCH MEETING March 9th, 2023! At St. Laurence Catholic Church\*

# Teaching on U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: Tony Oltremari, presenter

Tony is the previous parish administrator at St Laurence Catholic Church and has been active and dedicated to the mission of Stewardship education. He has been on the ICSC board of directors, a founding member of our Archdiocese Stewardship Networking Group and the Archdiocesan Stewardship Advisory Committee among many other efforts that further the mission of the Church. \* St Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugarland, TX 77479 Ave Maria Parish Life Center

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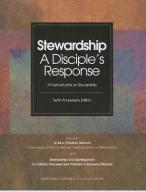
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"Don't miss this essential teaching on Stewardship"

Pope Benedict XVI, and his view on teachings for the co-responsibility of the Laity and Pastors.

Co-responsibility demands a change in mindset especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church. They should not be regarded as "collaborators" of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really "coresponsible" for the Church's being and acting. It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity be consolidated, which can make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church and always in cordial communion with the bishops.

In this regard the Dogmatic Constitution <u>Lumen Gentium</u> describes the style of relations between lay people and pastors with the adjective "familiar": "Many benefits for the Church are to be expected from this familiar relationship between the laity and the pastors. The sense of their own responsibility is strengthened in the laity, their zeal is encouraged, they are more ready to unite their energies to the work of their pastors...Strengthened by all her members, the Church can thus more effectively fulfil her mission for the life of the world" (n. 37).



#### SNG 2023 CALENDAR

9-Mar-23 Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: Tony Oltremari (St. Laurence) 11-May-23 ROUNDTABLE: Successful Ministry Fairs (St. Anne)

### 13-Jul-23 ROUNDTABLE:

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 at a host parish. To ask questions get resources on stewardship and to get on our email list, contact: F

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