

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

**Join Us For Our September 12, 2024 MEETING, 10am;
at St Anne Church Houston Tx***

Topic: They Won't Give If They Don't Know – Effective Stewardship Communication

Attention to what and, just as importantly, how we communicate can mean the difference between an engaged community or one that falls into the same patterns year after year. Clergy, staff, stewardship committees and parishioners are invited to join for an honest discussion of how we can effectively communicate and invite others to share their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of the parish, the community, and the Church. Presenter: Sean O'Driscoll – Senior Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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THANK YOU! To the Parish Engagement Committee from our Archdiocese for a great conference “Building Communities of Trust” held at St. Anne’s Parish. A world of information, in all needed areas of parish life, with many topics made available by speakers and the sponsors of the conference. You can review the presentation slides at <https://www.archgh.org/engage/resources> If you would like more information please contact mschellici@archgh.org.

A Stewardship Saint

While there are many Saints who exemplify stewardship, **Saint Benedict** stands out as a model of Christian stewardship. He authored the rule of St Benedict which started a simple, spiritual tradition that exists to this day. It was meant to “establish a school for the Lord’s service.” It is a set of Christian principles around which the members of the community were to organize their daily lives, focusing on the most important Christian values that would direct their daily actions and help them cultivate habits that would ensure good stewardship of their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

One the rules of daily Christian living that emphasizes exercising stewardship over prayer, work and community for not only the clergy but for all even in today’s world. A hallmark of Christian stewardship is hospitality, making room for others. St. Benedict found this aspect of the Christian life especially important for his communities.

In his Rule, St. Benedict writes: **Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ**, for he is going to say: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Mt. 25:35).’ “And to all let due honor be shown, especially to those who share our faith’ (Gal. 6:10) and to pilgrims...In welcoming the poor and pilgrims the greatest care and solicitude should be shown, because it is especially in them that Christ is re-ceived” (Rule of St. Benedict 53:1-2, 15).

SNG 2024 Calendar	
14-Nov-24	Best of ICSC / Plan 2025 topics/locations (St Bernadette Clear Lake 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:

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