

Stewardship Networking Group

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

November Stewardship Networking Meeting – NOTES

THANK YOU, to Sharon Ehrenkranz & Tony Oltamarie, St Lawrence, for hosting our meeting, providing hospitality and handouts. Also, to all who contributed notes from the best ICSC topics. Ten parishes attended the meeting, and questions and answers followed plus a lively discussion on stewardship topics. Below are some of the notes, since they are lengthy, we have included a link to the file. Please let us know if you have questions.

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These are just a few notes from the best of ICSC topics. You can download the complete notes from below links:

Sharon Ehrenkranz, Director of Parish Life, St Lawrence

Plenary Speaker Msgr. Kieran Harrington (Pontifical Mission Societies, NYC:)

It's so easy for us to become desensitized to the suffering around us.

All renewal must have mission as its goal (Pope JP2)

St. Pope John 23 impromptu "Moonlight Speech" a at Vatican II (October 11, 1962)

Ideas for my parish: Use John 23 "Moonlight Speech" as a stewardship reflection at Discipleship Council.

"Let us continue to love each other, to look out for each other along the way; to welcome whoever comes close to us, and set aside whatever difficulty it might bring"

There are eight more topic notes from Sharon including:

Stewardship Through & Through, Leisa Anslinger

Preaching Stewardship, Fr. Stephen Jones

Stewardship for the Vietnamese Community, Fr. Bill Cao & Fr Tuyen Nguyen

Practical Tips for Promoting Stewardship, Dave Baranowski

[Link](#)

Notes from: Cindy Martin, St Lawrence Church

Session #23 "Engaging Young Adults" Speaker, Armando Cervantes, Director of Youth and Young Adults, Diocese of Orange, Ca.

Generation Z: loyal to brands, organizations, and purchase what they *Trust!* Over 50 percent give money to charity and they do volunteer, "don't think they can't give or serve"

Millennials: spend money on experiences, 55 percent donate to charity/33 percent volunteer. We are not good at showing how good the Catholic Church is in giving to those in need...share our giving stories and how it changes lives.

[Link](#)

Notes: Coni Perez, St Luke the Evangelist

"Practices for making an impactful stewardship of treasure. Ask from the Pulpit" (Spanish audio) Speaker, Julio Chavez, Development Office, Diocese of San Bernardino

Communicate loudly and funny, talk about traditions, tell stories about their ancestors. Hispanics bring their customs with them. Show them how their customs relate to Church. Major form of communication is cell phones. Bottom line: "You have to ask, if you don't ask you don't get" [Link](#)

Notes from: Bill Woodard—Pastoral Council, St Lawrence: Session: #4 *First Things First: Knowing Your Parishioners and Customizing Your Approach.* Speaker Robin Mardraf, Stewardship and Development Manager, Phoenix Arizona.

Mass count is important. Know who/keep track of those who participate in the "sacraments, school enrollment, etc. As much details as available, not just numbers. We must see everyone, especially, those who hope to not be noticed.

What is an active member, what is an inactive member? Who are the 20%? Find out as much about the 80%. Find out their needs before asking for anything. Grow the inner circle and close the gaps. Be aware that there is a gap, plus 6 other session topics: [Link](#)

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2023, 10am-12noon, at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Houston

Virtual Guest Speaker: Leisa Anslinger & following Q&A plus networking



Meetings held 2nd Thursday of every other month 10:00 am to 12 Noon.

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