

We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.

18 July, 2022

In 2022 we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Catholic Stewardship Council and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response.* All of these have had great impact on Catholics in America and around the world and give us cause to gather to learn more and to celebrate the importance of these events.

There is a wonderful opportunity to do so this October. **The International Catholic Stewardship Conference is to take place in Anaheim, California from October 2-5, 2022. The Early Bird rate of \$599 is in place through July 31.** The active teaching of Stewardship in our parishes will increase parishioner engagement and enhance the vitality of parish life by challenging the faithful to acknowledge their God-given gifts, develop and use them to build up the kingdom in your parish. I am well aware that budgets in most parishes are a tight, but the "return on the investment" for your parish and your parishioners lives makes the expense very reasonable.

I highly encourage clergy, staff and parish leaders to attend and take advantage of this important opportunity. Attendees can select a total of eight sessions from 80 workshops covering a multitude of stewardship and development topics. There are specific workshops directed toward Business Managers, Catholic School Administrators, Development Professionals and starting and/or enhancing parish Stewardship. There will also be a full Spanish track (8 sessions). Attached is the program and registration information.

In addition to the workshops and plenary speakers there will be inspiring concelebrated liturgies, one to take place at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance available during the conference. A parish fair will showcase stewardship efforts and ideas from parishes around the country with representatives with which to network and help you with your own parish stewardship journey. There will be over 80 vendors present, offering the latest in resources for all areas of church life, providing knowledge and products essential to ministry.

The ICSC Conference is widely recognized as the most valuable educational opportunity for those involved in Christian stewardship, evangelization, and development. Under the auspices of the USCCB, it is the largest annual gathering of Catholic leaders in the field of diocesan and parish stewardship.

Please contact me, Tony Oltremari, toltremari@stlaurence.org, 281-980-9812 for more information.

I hope to see you there in October.

Sincerely yours,

my alter

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