## Stewardship Networking Group Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Join Us! Stewardship Networking Meeting on ZOOM! Thursday, Nov 11th: 10am **"BEST OF ICSC WORKSHOP TOPICS"** 

Three of our Stewardship Networking Members will summarize their best selected workshop topics from the ICSC conference held last month.

Rhonda Bean, Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of Galveston Houston:

"The Heart of the Mission: Simple Ways To Bring People to Jesus" Speaker—Cande DeLeon The heart of the mission is simply to bring people to Jesus! We advance the mission by: Stewardship, Discipleship and Evangelization

Julie Borque, Discipleship Council Leader, St Laurence Catholic Church:

"Welcoming and Engaging Young Adults" speaker, Linda Macorne coming young adults into a parish involves more than a courteous greeting, because they are looking for relationships. Making a personal connection with the young adultwho is not always receptive to parish registering until they feel connected to others from the parish.

Sharon Ehrenkranz, Director of Parish Life, St Laurence Catholic Church:

"Parish Leadership: Building a Sustainable Culture" speaker, Bill Pressprich, Divine Renovation. SHARED LEADERSHIP is an incredible blessing - no one person has it all! Focus on gifts, building teams and inviting others into parish leadership roles.

We will also be setting up our Calendar for 2022. Please bring ideas on topics, speakers videos, other Stewardship information you would like to see covered at our 2022 meetings.

"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn Pope Francis, to an audience on April 24, 2013

This was spoken by Pope Francis eight years ago, however, as we remain in the middle of the Covid Pandemic these words ring so true for us today. It is easy to get wrapped up in our feelings and while we must remain vigilant and make sure we are safe; there are many things we can do without having to leave our homes. There is so much need among our family, church, friends, neighbors. As good stewards we can reach out in many ways and still protect ourselves. How about delivering a meal/food for a someone in need, make phone calls to church members and others we have not seen in a while, add extra prayer time for special needs to our daily prayer time. Let's look at ways, we can use our talents/gifts, to be of service and encourage others from our own homes. 1 Peter 4: 10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

**Stewardship Happenings:** 

The virtual ICSC conference is being offered in three modules:

Module I, offered November 3 – 4, is designed for diocesan and archdiocesan professionals, Catholic foundation staff and Catholic school leaders.

Module II, offered November 5, brings a full day of stewardship-related sessions designed for Spanish -speaking conference attendees.

Module III, offered December 1 – 2, is designed for pastors, parish pastoral teams, parish stewardship and evangelization leaders and those interested in learning more about Christian stewardship as a way of life. .

Visit: catholicstewardship.com (virtual conference) to view topics,

register, etc.



Meetings 2nd Thursday of every other month from 10:00 am to 12 Noon. If your parish would like to host an SNG meeting, see contact info below!

You are invited to participate in a forum for idea sharing on all issues related to stewardship. Share ideas, ask questions, spread the word, bring a friend! For more information about this group in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and to get on our email list, please contact: Coni Perez at <a href="mailto:coniperez@sbcglobal.net">coniperez@sbcglobal.net</a>

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