

Companions on Your Parish Journey of Faith



INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



*Dedicated to fostering and developing
the spirituality and practice of
Christian stewardship throughout the world.*

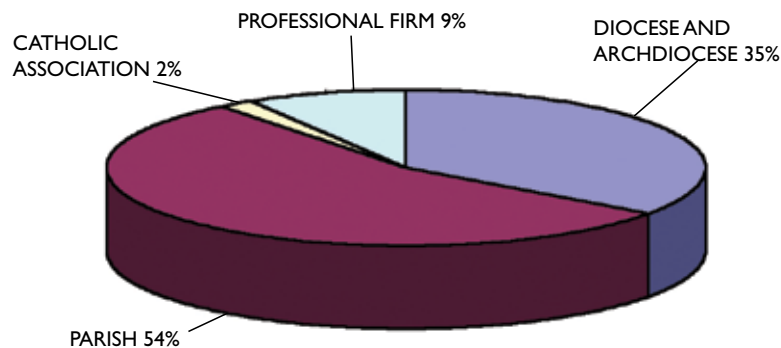
Who is ICSC?

The International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) is a professional organization recognized internationally as a source of education, networking and information to advance the ministry of Christian stewardship as a way of life in the Roman Catholic Church, and to promote the cause of Catholic philanthropy in dioceses and parishes worldwide.

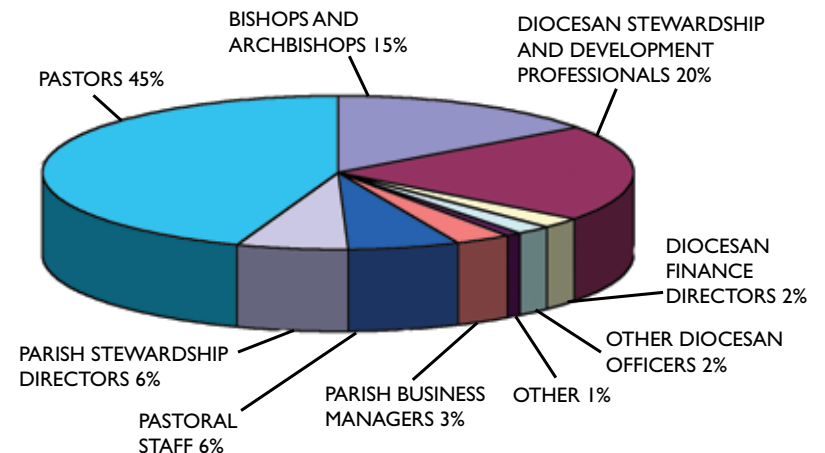
ICSC is the only organization dedicated exclusively to advancing Christian stewardship, Catholic philanthropy and resource development in North America as well as overseas. Founded in 1962, ICSC has over 1,200 members representing over 800 dioceses and archdioceses, parish communities, Catholic organizations and professional firms internationally.

Who are ICSC's members?

ICSC Membership by Organization



ICSC Membership by Ministry/Job Title



“ICSC ensures that the promotion of stewardship is rooted in a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and recognition that all we are and all we have are gifts from God.”

Most Reverend Paul Bootkoski
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen
in New Jersey
Episcopal Moderator, International
Catholic Stewardship Council

Did you know?

“The primary value of membership has been the opportunity to share ideas, thoughts and insights with other parishes... I would recommend membership in the ICSC without reservation.”

Rev. Frank Krische
Most Pure Heart of Mary
Topeka, KS

ICSC provides:

- Expert advice for introducing Christian stewardship to your parish community
 - Ongoing resources for renewing and reinvigorating stewardship in your parish
 - Practical stewardship ideas
 - Support for teaching stewardship to children
 - Reflections for preaching stewardship
 - A network of speakers for parishes and diocesan gatherings
 - Conferences that offer the wisdom and experience of those committed to stewardship as a way of life
 - Retreats that offer in-depth reflection and study on Christian stewardship
 - Publications that inform and enhance our understanding of stewardship
 - Access to online stewardship resources, models and samples
- Opportunities to exchange ideas and information with stewardship parishes in North America and beyond
 - Best practices for promoting stewardship in the parish

Membership Includes:

- Discounts for conferences, institutes and publications
- Membership directory
- Access to past conference presentations
- Monthly parish e-bulletins offering weekly reflections, prayers, bulletin inserts and much more
- Web site section for members only with the latest parish stewardship resources
- Access to parish leadership planning tools
- Opportunities to exchange ideas, network, share best practices and grow in faith

Conferences

ICSC has been offering stewardship conferences to parishes since 1965. Each year it draws hundreds of participants who gather to exchange ideas, listen to marvelous speakers and participate in the Eucharist together. Members of ICSC look forward to greeting new participants and making the conference a most fulfilling time for everyone.

At ICSC Conferences we ...

Come together as a Eucharistic people

The annual ICSC conference is a wonderful time of grace; a time where you not only learn more about Christian stewardship, but are inspired and spiritually nourished by our gathering, by sharing with one another and by celebrating the Eucharist as the summit of each day.

Are inspired by engaging and knowledgeable speakers

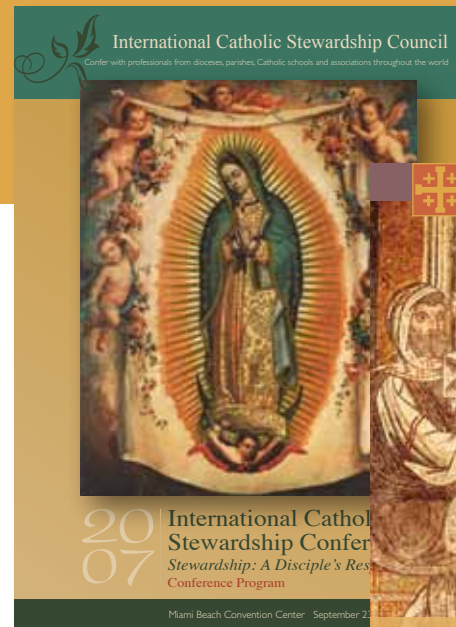
Over 70 presenters give of themselves and share their experiences of stewardship at the annual conference. A planning committee consisting of faith-filled Catholics from parishes and dioceses in North America and beyond work together to bring you insightful and engaging speakers as well as interesting and timely topics.

Exchange new ideas

ICSC conferences are offered in different parts of the United States, allowing us to renew acquaintances, cultivate friendships, network and share new ideas in parish stewardship.

Come away with a renewed sense of faith

Conference participants invariably speak of experiencing an energized zeal when they leave ICSC conferences to go back to their parishes and share the beauty and richness of the Gospel call to stewardship with others.



“ I am convinced that if we can make stewardship part of our faith life we can truly change the world. It turns us from just loving ourselves to loving others as Jesus loves them. ”

Most Rev. John J. McGraith
Bishop, Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky

Institutes

New design

The ICSC Institute has been re-designed to address the specific needs of pastors and parish leaders searching for a comprehensive, well-grounded introduction to the theology and practical application of Christian stewardship in their own faith journey and in their parishes. This Institute is the only one of its kind to offer such a comprehensive treatment of stewardship.

ICSC has also introduced a new Institute in 2008 designed especially for diocesan professionals who provide support for parishes.

Retreat-like setting

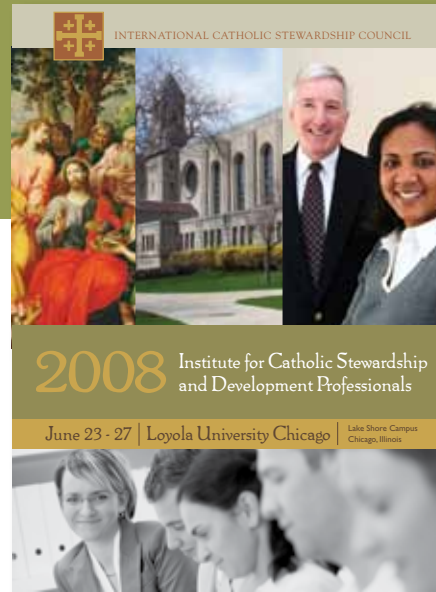
The Institute is offered in a reflective and prayerful setting of a Catholic retreat center offering daily celebration of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

In-depth reflections

Compelling and timely sessions are offered on such topics as the theology and spirituality of Christian stewardship, characteristics of parishes faithful to stewardship formation, integrating stewardship in parish life, stewardship formation for children and youth, introducing stewardship in parishes and much, much more.

Outstanding faculty members

ICSC offers an engaging and expert faculty with over 100 years of combined experience working with parishes and diocesan stewardship professionals in North America and beyond.



2008
ICSC Catholic Stewardship



“The ICSC Catholic Stewardship Institute was a wonderful opportunity to spend a week in prayer, reflection and exchange of new ideas. I highly recommend it to anyone who is serious about growing in faith and has an interest in promoting stewardship in their parish.”

Rev. Monsignor Donald Hanchon
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Detroit, Michigan

E-bulletins

With Stewardship e-bulletins you get:

- Reflections on the weekly scripture readings suitable for use as parish bulletin inserts
- Stewardship prayers
- Monthly recollections on stewardship saints or holy persons
- Contributions from writers on stewardship-related topics
- Samples of parish stewardship materials
- A Spanish language version of the stewardship e-bulletin
- Notices and reminders of stewardship events

“A big ‘Thank You!’ for the monthly parish newsletter. The thoughts are helpful for homilies, the presentation is always cheerful and positive and it is always good to hear from you at ICSC.”

Rev. John Weatherill
Archdiocese of Southwark - UK

Conferencia Anual Hyatt Regency Chicago
Octubre 12-15, 2008

COMUNIDAD INTERNACIONAL CATÓLICA DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN DE LOS BIENES DE DIOS
CORRESPONSABILIDAD PARROQUIAL
Comité de Educación y Servicios e-Bulletin • Junio 2008

SAN PEDRO Y SAN PABLO

San Pedro y San Pablo son santos venerados en todo el mundo. En esta edición del e-bulletin de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial, compartimos con ustedes algunas reflexiones sobre su vida y su ministerio. Este e-bulletin es una herramienta para que ustedes puedan reflexionar sobre su propia vida y su ministerio en la parroquia.

Premios del ICSC a los Materiales de Promoción de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial

Cada año el ICSC reconoce a algunas parroquias que han presentado proyectos de materiales de promoción de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial que han sido reconocidos por el ICSC. Los materiales de promoción de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial que han sido reconocidos por el ICSC son:

- Adoración Promocional de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial
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Visite el sitio www.icsc.org para obtener más información sobre los premios y para solicitar los materiales de promoción de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial. Los materiales de promoción de la Corresponsabilidad Parroquial están disponibles en español y en inglés.



Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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A Stewardship Moment

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Jesus enters Jerusalem, a city renowned since ancient times as the holiest place on earth. The palms consider it to be a place of perfect peace. Today Jerusalem is at the center of tremendous hatred, violence and division. Its symbolism is far from the biblical traditions of peace. Stewards are blessed as peacemakers, individuals who give witness to preferring reconciliation over strife. As we reflect this week on the intimacy close to Jesus, let us also discern how we can give authentic witness to peace in our daily lives and pray for the restoration of Jerusalem as a symbol of world peace.

Easter Sunday
He is risen! Alleluia! Jesus has gone from death to new life, transforming our own lives and uniting us with His Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are joyful because Jesus has opened a new way for us. Death is overcome. Our lives are now made new. Stewards know how to celebrate, and today is a day for much joyous celebration. Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

Stewardship Activities

March 16-22 - Holy Week Mark your calendar for the services and activities throughout the week. Read, reflect, generously act out, and pray. Fast on Good Friday with experiences.

hope, joy, relationships, living of Easter with children. Have with Jesus. Demonstrate, loving expressions - all to instruction. Be a minister of steward of God's gifts.
Diocese of Knoxville

Saints & STEWARDSHIP

St. Katherine Drexel

A great witness to Christian stewardship, Katherine Drexel was born into a very wealthy Philadelphia family in 1828. Accustomed to riding in private, luxury railroad cars, she received the best education many could afford and she traveled for and wide.

When on a European tour, Katherine Drexel had an audience with Pope XIII and during that encounter she was inspired by the Holy Spirit to become a nun. Her spiritual journey was a personal challenge for her to overcome.

Katherine Drexel was eventually inspired by the Holy Spirit to become a nun. She used her education and her wealth to help the poor and the sick. She established the first African American university for high education in the United States, University of Xavier in New Orleans. Katherine Drexel died in 1912 at age 87. Her feast day is March 3.

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Individual Acts of Stewardship

Bishop Monahan of Green Bay has spoken about the 12 Gardens of Stewardship. This broad concept of stewardship shows that it extends to the soul, the arts, the mind, history, technology, politics, emotions, the planet, decisions, money, relationships, the body, and perhaps others. If stewardship consists of many gardens, then obviously it is something that needs to be planned, recognizing God as the source of all we have through prayer and thanking God for all those gifts, talents, cultivated and nurtured, and harvested (sharing with others and giving back to God). The following Individual Acts of Stewardship suggest many different ways that we can be stewards.

The Garden of Relationships

Our lives are busy. But the purpose of our lives is all about relationships - with God, with each other, to neglect our relationships, especially with those who are close to us, is to neglect good stewardship.

Our relationships can be a lot of work. We must give our relationships proper time and attention to his garden. Some ideas for tending the garden of our relationships:

- Send a card to someone who is in need of support.
- When you hear a sinner, say a prayer for those it is going to aid and a prayer of thanksgiving for those who help them.
- Invite some friends over that you haven't gotten together with in a while.
- Write a letter to someone you've not spoken to written in to in a while.
- Eat out one less time a week, invite a friend over for dinner.
- Take a parenting class or anger management class they are great for learning better communication skills, even if you don't think they'd apply to you.

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ICSC Publications

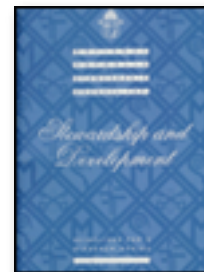
Publications – Stewardship at your fingertips

Publications remain essential to fulfilling ICSC's mission of sharing stewardship information at the lowest cost for ICSC members. Publications include:

- *Stewardship: Disciples Respond – A Practical Guide for Pastoral Leaders* (English and Spanish)
- *Children's Stewardship Manual* (English and Spanish)
- *Keeping Stewardship Alive: Proven Stewardship Ideas*
- *The Stewardship Rosary* (English and Spanish)
- *The Life of the Christian Steward: A Reflection on the Logic of Commitment* (English and Spanish)
- *Stewardship and Development Guidelines for a Diocesan Office*
- Comprehensive arch/diocesan development surveys (published annually)
- *Pray Always and Never Lose Heart: A Treasury of Private Prayers for the Christian Steward* (English and Spanish)
- *Steward Saints for Every Day* (English and Spanish)

“The publications I receive from ICSC are excellent resources on Christian stewardship to have available for use in the parish. Whether it is for homily ideas, bulletins, parish meetings or other ways in which I wish to communicate stewardship, these references are well worth the investment.”

Rev. Joseph MacKinnon
Pastor, St. Margaret Bourgeoys Parish
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada



Online Resources

www.catholicstewardship.org

Get the latest news and information...

catholicstewardship.org features a vast array of information in a user-friendly environment.

Utilize our web site and online forums where stewardship leaders can find:

- News
- Review of best practices in parishes
- Parish Fair materials
- Parish renewal resources
- Discussion forums
- Membership directory
- New stewardship resources
- Stewardship updates
- Past conference materials
- Parish exchange program
- And much more



“Over the past 25 years we have been working in stewardship, everything we do in our parish is a result of what we learned through our membership with ICSC.”

Pat Schiro
St. Marcelline Parish
Schaumburg, IL

Linking Parishes that Practice Stewardship

Parish communities across the United States and beyond comprise the all-important network that supports and affirms the ministry of Christian stewardship – a vital part of the International Catholic Stewardship Council.

The successes experienced by parish members of ICSC encourage other members to stay active, involved, informed and persistent in their efforts to promote stewardship as a way of life.

To get more information on parishes that have been honored with the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Award for excellence in stewardship, see the list below. These parishes have dedicated themselves to being committed to stewardship as a way of life.

2007 Recipient
St. Thomas More Parish
Centennial, Colorado

2006 Recipient
Blessed Trinity Parish
Ocala, Florida

2005 Recipient
St. Michael Parish
Olympia, Washington

2004 Recipient
**Catholic Community of
St. Luke The Evangelist**
Houston, TX

2003 Recipient
St. Anne Parish
Columbus, Georgia

2001 - 2002 Recipient
St. Matthias Parish
Somerset, New Jersey

2000 Recipient
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Youngstown, Ohio

“ *Parishes that participate in the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Award process each year give witness to the mission and stewardship values espoused by ICSC.*

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Jim Kelley
ICSC President and
Director of Stewardship and Development,
Diocese of Charlotte



Phil and Irene Lindemer, members of the Stewardship Committee, Father Andrew Kemberling, pastor, Jim Kelley, ICSC president, and Mila Glodava, director of Communications and Stewardship of St. Thomas More Parish

Parish Products and Services

ICSC offers your parish dedicated and committed business professionals who understand the nature and challenges of parish ministry.

Strategic GOLD Partners

Our Sunday Visitor

Serves the Church by providing Catholics with materials that will strengthen their relationship with Christ and deepen their commitment to the Church.

Community Counselling Service (CCS)

Established in 1947, CCS provides fund-raising counsel, development services, and strategic consulting to arch/dioceses, parishes, secondary schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and religious communities. CCS initiatives are rooted in the principles of stewardship and our firm is committed to advancing the mission of ICSC.

Plaza Meetings

Offers decades of experience in the travel, meeting and convention fields.

Strategic SILVER Partners

O'Meara, Ferguson, Whelan, and Conway

Provides strategic consulting and financial management advisory services.

Strategic BRONZE Partners

Trinity Fundraising

Specializes in helping Catholic institutions raise funds for mission critical projects and services.

Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits

Helps organizations connect families and build community through a personalized directory program.

NetCharge

Enables non-profit organizations, schools, and social and service organizations to develop and improve online transaction capabilities that increase revenues, reduce expenses, and improve member satisfaction.

ParishPay

Provides the technology and solutions to help stabilize and embrace modern giving.

“Working with parishes in a small diocese, I value the opportunity to access a number of services provided by the firms that are members of ICSC. I've gained a lot of useful information and have been able to help a number of parishes benefit from the many products and services offered.”

Connie Babin

Director of Stewardship and Development
Diocese of Lafayette in Louisiana



2011 Parish Membership Registration Form

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

Up to 250 families \$180.00
251 to 500 families. \$240.00
501 to 999 families. \$300.00

1,000 to 1,999 families..... \$360.00
2,000 to 2,500 families..... \$420.00
2,501 to 3,000 families..... \$480.00
Over 3,000 families \$540.00

Parish _____

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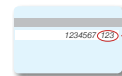
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“The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent, and treasure.”

-Pope Benedict XVI



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