

**56th Annual ICSC Conference – October 28-31, 2018**  
*Gaylord Opryland Hotel*  
*Nashville, Tennessee*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How can I register for the conference?**

Online registration is available on our website by clicking [HERE](#). You may also complete and return the registration form on the brochure to our office, or call our office at 800-352-3452.

**What are the payment options?**

Checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. Please make checks payable to ICSC. Your registration will be confirmed when payment is received. *Conference registration and payments must be received prior to the conference.* Payments cannot be accepted during the conference.

**How can we take advantage of the early bird registration discount if we do not yet know who will be attending?**

You can purchase registration “spots” on or before July 31, 2018, and submit the name of the attendee to us by August 31, 2018.

**What all is included in my registration fee?**

- Inspiring speakers each day of the conference
- Thought-provoking presentations given in ten separate tracks
- Valuable how-to resources and ideas to take home and implement immediately
- Inspiring liturgies
- Welcome reception with exhibitors on Sunday evening with bar and appetizers
- Continental breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday mornings
- Luncheons and plenary sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoons
- Multiple networking opportunities with peers
- A chance to be enriched both personally and professionally
- Opportunities to learn more about a wide variety of products and services from professional organizations in the ICSC conference exhibit hall

**Are there any registration discounts?**

Yes, we have discount options for ICSC member parishes, schools, dioceses, foundations and organizations:

1. Early bird member discount (\$529): Register on or before July 31, 2018 to receive this rate
2. Member rate of \$599: Any member registrations received on or after August 1.
3. \$1,199: Non-member registration rate

All registrants from a member parish may register at the member rate, and all staff from a member diocese may register at the member rate.

**Can I become a member and register for the conference at the same time to save money?**

Yes, you have the option of joining ICSC during the registration process! In fact, there is a membership section on the conference registration form.

**My parish is not yet a member of ICSC, but my diocese is a member. May I register for the conference under the diocesan membership?**

*If your parish has never sent anyone to an ICSC conference before*, for one time only, yes, you may take advantage of the diocesan membership to register as part of a “Come and See” invitation. However, a discounted registration rate to the conference is only one of the benefits to an ICSC membership, and the parish wouldn’t be eligible to receive other benefits without becoming a member itself.

**What is the cancellation policy?**

Any registration cancellation received by August 1, 2018 will be eligible for a refund, less a \$100 administrative fee. **Without exception, all refunds must be requested in writing.** *PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1, 2018.* Postmark or date of email determines cancellation deadline.

**Can I send someone in my place if I can no longer attend?**

Yes, please be sure to contact us as soon as possible (must be before October 15, 2018) with your replacement’s name and contact information so they will have proper credentials and information once they arrive at the conference.

**Is there a single-day registration fee?**

No, ICSC does not offer single-day or single session registrations for the annual conference.

**Is there anything new for 2018?**

This year ICSC is pleased to introduce the theme of *Missionary Disciples: Stewards of the Gospel* as Pope Francis has called us all to “go out into the world”, and we’ve included an entire track called The Evangelizing Parish to equip us with best practices in stewardship and evangelization as we go forth. ICSC is also bringing back, in response to last year’s successful inaugural effort, the track for Catholic school advancement professionals! Principals will find this of interest too.

**My staff and I will be looking at changing some of our service providers in the coming year. How many firms will be represented in the Exhibit area for us to speak with?**

At this time, 65 organizations offering a variety of parish, school, foundation and/or diocesan products and services have committed to join us as exhibitors. Several will be sharing their expertise with us in session presentations as well. In addition, several parishes will be exhibiting their materials used for stewardship education and annual commitment.

**May I bring a guest to the conference liturgies?**

Yes, we are delighted to welcome your guest to worship with us!

**May I bring a guest to the luncheons?**

Yes, lunch guest passes are available for \$50 for each luncheon if purchased on or before September 1. Please contact the ICSC office at 800-352-3452 if you would like to purchase guest passes for this meal.

**May I bring a guest to the exhibit hall?**

For security purposes, only registered attendees are allowed entrance to the exhibit hall. Regrettably, we are unable to accommodate children as well.

**Do I have to attend all the sessions in one specific track, or can I attend a session in another track if it is more applicable to my parish, diocese, school or foundation?**

You do not have to attend every session in one specific track, and are free to attend the sessions that are most beneficial to you. You also do not need to pre-register for the conference workshops you want to attend. We do limit the sessions designated as *clergy-to-clergy* to attendance only by clergy and religious.

**Are you offering a special lodging rate for the conference? How do I make my hotel reservation?**

Special conference lodging rates have been secured at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, Tennessee. The International Catholic Stewardship Council has named the Gaylord Opryland Hotel as the headquarters hotel for the 2018 annual conference. It is located less than 10 miles from the Nashville International Airport (BNA). The hotel offers amazing amenities such as indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls, indoor and outdoor pools, a spa and golf course, as well as plenty of options for shopping and dining. Nearby attractions to explore include the Grand Ole Opry, Opry Mills and the Country Music Hall of Fame. A block of rooms has been reserved from October 26, 2018 through October 31, 2018 at the nightly rate of \$219 single or double occupancy, plus taxes and resort fee. Reservations must be made through our conference coordinator, Plaza Meetings, at <https://www.plazameetings.com/icsc/> by September 10 to receive the conference rate. ***Because the room block sells out quickly, we encourage you to reserve your room early!***