

Parish Stewardship Certificate of Recognition

A parish is a unique manifestation of the Church. Its nature is that of a “communion,” literally a “sharing of gifts” among brothers and sisters in Christ, who is at the center of the parish’s life of faith. A parish is not simply a human creation, it is the work of the Lord, calling us through our parishes to exercise stewardship over this gift of the Paschal mystery in a most profound way: to hear God’s Word, to be nourished by the Eucharist, to be sent forth on mission to evangelize and serve, and to invite others to share our communal life. A parish that embraces stewardship as a way of life reveals to us a way to experience a deeper communion with God and each other.

The International Catholic Stewardship Council recognizes parishes that give witness to stewardship in many areas of parish life. ICSC will issue a special Certificate of Recognition, good for a period of three years, to parishes that submit an application and are accepted for exercising stewardship in pastoral areas such as prayer and worship, formation and education, hospitality, leadership, communications, and promoting the fundamentals of stewardship among their parishioners.

Parishes interested in being considered for the ICSC Stewardship Certificate of Recognition can view the criteria and an application on the ICSC website at www.catholicstewardship.com and look under Membership.

Past parish recipients of an ICSC Stewardship Certification are:

2016 – 2019

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Mandeville, Louisiana

St. Agnes Catholic Church
Naples, Florida

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Modesto, California

2017 – 2020

St. John the Evangelist Parish
Greenfield, Wisconsin

The following parish has received an ICSC Stewardship Certificate of Recognition, and ICSC congratulates them on their efforts.

2018 – 2021

St. Anne – St. Catherine Collaborative
Littleton, Massachusetts