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Michael Murphy is the executive director of the International Catholic Stewardship Council. He has worked with the ICSC board of directors to bring Christian stewardship and Catholic philanthropy to the Catholic Church in Asia, and Central and South America. He has addressed bishops' conferences in the United States, the Philippines, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Murphy established the first development office for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1994 and served as its director as well as that of the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation for 17 years. As a result of his own research and theological reflection on Christian stewardship, Mr. Murphy and his team developed a comprehensive manual for introducing parishes to stewardship. Now in its second printing, *Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit*, has enjoyed much success among parishes and dioceses in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and, in its Spanish-language version, in parts of Latin America.

Mr. Murphy's team assisted the archbishop of Detroit in securing funds, both for the archdiocese and for Catholic institutions internationally, in an aggregate amount of \$650 million over a span of 14 years. This included a \$100 million archdiocesan endowment fund, the largest of its kind in the mid-90s; a \$27.4 million scholarship fund for inner-city Catholic school children; and \$352.6 million in archdiocesan annual appeal funds. The appeal itself yielded an average \$30.2 million per year in funding over a nine-year period. It remains the largest diocesan annual appeal in North America.

A native Tennessean, Mr. Murphy was a practicing attorney who specialized in the areas of litigation, and probate and estate planning. He studied in the divinity program at the University of Notre Dame, where he also earned a master's degree in systematic theology.