



His Eminence Cardinal John Dew Introduces Intentional Stewardship

disciples” of Jesus Christ on a daily basis, in the home, neighborhood, parish, marketplace and public square. An evening session follows in which the leaders from the parishes and schools work with summaries gathered

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“Intentional Stewardship” is a movement Cardinal John Dew, archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, introduced to the archdiocese ten years ago. As he describes it, “stewardship is about intentionally embracing the future with hope and deciding upon a practical, intentional way of putting the Gospel into action.” Cardinal Dew will deliver the keynote address at the **59th annual ICSC stewardship conference to be held in Florida from September 12 to 15, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel.**

Until the pandemic necessitated a pause, archdiocesan stewardship days were held in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Wellington. A parish “Stewardship Day” has on its agenda a presentation on the United States bishops’ stewardship pastoral offered by Cardinal Dew, as well as his own spiritual reflections on stewardship.

As Cardinal Dew has remarked, “At its heart, stewardship is a recognition that all we have and all we are is a gift from God. It is a way of looking at the world through the eyes of a disciple of Christ, recognizing that ‘I am a gift from God’ and being generous with all God has given me – abilities, experiences, possessions and knowledge. Stewardship challenges us to use our gifts for God and for others.”

After Cardinal Dew’s reflections, parishioners take part in three different group discussions in which they explore what it means to exercise Christian stewardship as “intentional

from the parishioners’ conversations to create specific pastoral goals for the parish and its schools.

“We are called to be intentional disciples of Jesus Christ,” Cardinal Dew maintains, “and we live that out by sharing our gifts with each other. Stewardship challenges us to recognize our gifts and use them for the building up of the Kingdom. Stewardship is for everyone as we have all been gifted by God in so

gather on an ongoing basis, hear a reflection from Cardinal Dew and discuss how stewardship informed the life of missionary discipleship in their own lives. These quarterly events had proven to be very popular for spiritual reflection, catechesis and community building. It is hoped that these breakfasts, along with stewardship days, will resume once safety and health concerns occasioned by the pandemic are adequately addressed.



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