

ICSC CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

It is a privilege to invite you to celebrate along with the members of the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) its 60th anniversary from October 2 – 5, 2022 at the Hilton Hotel in Anaheim, California. The theme for this 60th anniversary conference is *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* which is the title of the pastoral letter issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1992. The year 2022 is also the pastoral letter's 30th anniversary. The 2022 ICSC Stewardship Conference offers its members and other attendees a chance to gather and reflect on stewardship in the Catholic Church and to continue to prepare for its transformational future in light of our current COVID-19 environment.

The 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council will be celebrated in 2022 as well. This great Council of the Catholic Church first convened on October 11, 1962. We remember the Second Vatican Council as an extraordinary moment of renewal for the Church and the inspiration behind the establishment of ICSC.

The conference image is that of the vestibule dome of the Presentation Chapel in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. This chapel celebrates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the opening of the Council, the bishops processed by this altar dedicated to Mary and asked for her prayers and intercessions. The United States bishops' pastoral letter pays homage to Our Lady as the model of Christian stewardship *par excellence*. ICSC is consecrated to the Blessed Mother and we continue asking for her intercessions today.

As a gathering of Catholic stewardship leaders and fund development professionals from across the United States, the ICSC Stewardship Conference is searching for ways to give dioceses, Catholic foundations, parishes and schools the tools, strategies and inspiration they need to serve all those with whom they encounter.