

2024 ICSC – Coffee Talk Series

January 22, 2024

[“Why Pursue Alternative Investments?”](#)

Chris Schelling, Director of Private Investments at Caprock, member of the investment committee for the Catholic Foundation-Diocese of Austin.

February 26, 2024

[“Major Donors Who Speak Spanish: Understanding Philanthropic Trends in the Hispanic Catholic Community.”](#)

Carlos Proaño, Director of Mission Advancement and Stewardship, Diocese of San Jose, California.

March 25, 2024

[“Golden Questions to Ask Major Donors.”](#)

John Flynn, Vice President of Philanthropy, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

April 22, 2024

[“Engaging Parishes by Promoting Parish Endowments.”](#)

Scott Hartman, Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer, The Catholic Foundation, Columbus, Ohio.

May 20, 2024

[“Best ways to engage and work with a planned giving professional.”](#)

Rob Hugos, Partner and Director of Wealth Preservation and Protection Planning at Texas Trust Law, PLLC.

June 24, 2024

[“Open Forum.”](#)

FACILITATOR: Patrick Grace, executive director of the Catholic Community Foundation serving the Diocese of Cleveland.

July 22, 2024

[“The Science and Scripture of Effective Major Gifts Fundraising: 2000-Year-Old Best Practices.”](#)

Dr. Russell James, J.D., Ph.D., CFP. Dr., professor of charitable financial planning and charitable gift law at Texas Tech University.

August 26, 2024

[“Getting the Most Out of Parish Estate Planning Seminars.”](#)

Jim Kelley, Director of Development, Diocese of Charlotte.



October 28, 2024

[“AI is Here: How One Diocese is Venturing into This New World.”](#)

Katie Price CFRE, Director of Parish Vitality and Mission Advancement, Diocese of Springfield, IL

Debbie Benz, Stewardship and Communications Director, Diocese of Springfield, IL

Rachel Langdon, Operations Director, Diocese of Springfield, IL

November 25, 2024

[“Get the most out of marketing planned gifts.”](#)

Scott Whitaker, the Diocese of Austin’s Secretariat Director for Stewardship and Development and the Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation