

STEWARDSHIP: A JOURNEY OF HOPE

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

63rd Annual
Stewardship Conference

Chicago, Illinois | September 21-24, 2025



ICSC Celebrates its 63rd Annual Stewardship Conference in Chicago!



The International Catholic Stewardship Council invites you to register for its 63rd annual conference taking place from September 21-24, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The event's theme, **"Stewardship: A Journey of Hope,"** resonates with Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope, urging Catholics to rekindle their hope in Christ and experience anew the delight of encountering the Lord.

The conference image is a work of art by the contemporary artist Jorge Coco Santangelo. Titled **"The Lord is Calling,"** the image reveals to us the Easter appearance of Jesus to the disciples at the sea of Tiberius as depicted in the last chapter of the Gospel of John (21:1-14).

Totally frustrated by their failure to catch any fish all night long, the disciples suddenly encounter the risen Lord, who, standing on the shore, instructs them to cast their nets on the right side of their boat (John 21:6). Following Jesus' instruction, the disciples cast their net and received the surprising gift of a

miraculous catch of 153 large fish. Receiving these gifts, and experiencing the meal with Christ Jesus that followed, transformed the disciples. It was an experience that gave them courage, new insight and hope.

Like the disciples fishing in the sea of Tiberius, being good stewards of our own faith is often challenged. We sometimes find ourselves lacking in the knowledge or resources to carry out our mission. But just as we confess our limitations, Jesus always surprises us with new gifts, new insights and new hope. As we come to trust him, we suddenly discover our nets are surprisingly full. Even better, we realize the Lord is right there with us, a companion on our journey of hope.

The ICSC conference offers its members and attendees an opportunity to gather and reflect on stewardship in the Catholic Church and to continue to prepare for its transformational future.

As a gathering of Catholic stewardship leaders and professionals in Catholic philanthropy from the United States and around the world, past attendees have said that the conference not only helps them promote stewardship as a way of life, but it also gives them courage, hope and a renewed spirit. We hope you will join us in September to be encouraged and inspired.



Parish Stewardship Exhibition

No matter where you are on your own stewardship journey, visit the Parish Stewardship Exhibition and experience how

other parishes are embracing and promoting stewardship as a way of life. Located in the Exhibit Hall, experienced stewardship parishes will showcase materials, share resources, and be available to answer your questions. Attendees can connect with fellow stewards to gain practical insights and ideas for their own parish stewardship efforts.



Regional Meetings: "Where do we go from here?"

The last sessions on Wednesday morning, September 24, will allow attendees to gather and network

with other stewards in their own part of the country one last time before going on their way. Regional meetings for parish stewardship leaders and diocesan directors are scheduled from 10:00 to 11:00 am that day. These regional meetings are specifically designed to provide attendees with a chance to network, share conference experiences, exchange contacts, and build partnerships for ongoing stewardship efforts.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 20, 2025

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ICSC Forum for Catholic Foundations

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration/Information Desk Open

8:00 am - 12:30 pm ICSC Forum for Catholic Foundations

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Orientation and Takeaways for the
63rd Annual Conference

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Welcome and Mass for the
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 22, 2025

7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast and Plenary Session

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Morning conference sessions

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Afternoon conference sessions

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Concelebrated Liturgy

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reception with Exhibitors

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 am Hot and Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 am - 11:00 am Morning conference sessions

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Concelebrated Liturgy

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Afternoon conference sessions

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reception with Exhibitors

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 am - 9:30 am Morning conference sessions

10:00 am - 11:00 am Regional meetings: Where do we go from here?



ICSC Forum for Catholic Foundations

Begins Saturday, September 20 at 2:00 pm

Ends Sunday, September 21 at Noon

\$259 for ICSC 2025 conference attendees

\$599 for non-conference attendees

If you are a foundation director, officer or board member, join us for networking and interactive discussions on the latest trends and current issues facing Catholic foundations, facilitated by experts. Bring samples, ideas and questions!



ICSC Conference Headquarters Hotel

The International Catholic Stewardship Council has named the Hyatt Regency Chicago on East Wacker Drive the headquarters hotel for the 2025 annual conference. The AAA Four Diamond Hyatt Regency Chicago is conveniently connected to the Illinois Center and within minutes of the Magnificent Mile.

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601

Hotel Reservations

ICSC has made special arrangements for accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. To make reservations, please use the Hyatt web-based online reservation form by [CLICKING HERE](#).



2025 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	Stewardship: Where Do We Start?	Growing and Sustaining Stewardship	Stewardship and Our Life of Faith	Summit for Parish Administrators and Business Managers	Corresponsabilidad en la Comunidad Hispana/Latina
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22					
9:30-10:30 am	Stewards of God's Grace: An Introduction to Christian Stewardship Leisa Anslinger, Parish Vitality Specialist <i>Archdiocese of Cincinnati</i> <i>Recipient: 2024 ICSC Christian Stewardship Award</i>	The Annual Stewardship Renewal: A Key Component for Growing Disciples Debbie Leaverton, ICSC Stewardship Consultant	Creating Active Stewards in Your Parish Tony Brandt, Co-founder and President Chris Stewart, Co-founder and CEO <i>Casting Nets Ministries</i>	Holy Order Batman! Managing Church Operations like a Superhero Suzanne Larson, Business Manager <i>Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, Ohio</i>	La espiritualidad de la Corresponsabilidad (The Spirituality of Stewardship) Mons. Vicente Rebollo, obispo responsable del Secretariado para el Sostentamiento de la Iglesia de la Conferencia Episcopal Española
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Stewardship in the Gospel of Luke: Themes for Homilies and Presentations in the Remaining Readings of Cycle C Michael Murphy, Executive Director <i>International Catholic Stewardship Council</i>	From Pew to Purpose: How Stewardship Helps You Reengage those Parishioners Who Stand on the Sidelines Quentin Schesnuik, Associate Director of Parish Vitality and Stewardship <i>Archdiocese of Toronto</i>	Amen Generosity: Awakening in Parishioners the Need to Give Thomas Sonni, Founder and President <i>Greater Mission</i>	Clicks and Conversions: Growing Your Church in the Digital Age Matt Kush, Director of Engagement Disciples Unleashed Family of Parishes <i>Archdiocese of Detroit</i>	La importancia de integrar la oración de gratitud en todos los aspectos de la vida parroquial (The Importance of Integrating the Prayer of Gratitude in Every Aspect of Parish Life) Rev. Diego Zalbidea Gonzalez, Facultad de Derecho Canonico, <i>Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, España</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	What is the Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship Telling Us Today? Rev. Joe Creedon, Pastor <i>Emeritus</i> <i>Christ the King Parish, Kingston, Rhode Island</i> <i>Recipient: 2023 ICSC Christian Stewardship Award</i>	10 Common Pitfalls to Avoid in Your Stewardship Planning Steve Homiack, Director of Annual Appeals <i>Archdiocese of Seattle</i>	Stewardship and the Family Matt Reinkemeyer, Director of Leadership Giving <i>Archdiocese of Cincinnati</i>	How to Conduct Back-to-Back Parish Campaigns Reverend Jeffery Ott, OP, Pastor Kate Dennis, Campaign Coordinator, <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Atlanta, Georgia</i> Robert C. Happy, Jr., Bridget Murphy, Liam Cureton <i>GP Catholic Services</i>	Compartir su tiempo y sus talentos: Qué significa y por qué da gloria a Dios (Sharing Your Time and Talents: What it Means and Why it Gives Glory to God) Carlos H. Proaño, Director of Mission Advancement & Stewardship, <i>Diocese of San José</i>
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23					
8:30-9:30 am	In All We Do: Communicating Stewardship to Parishioners Lindsay Sartorio, Pastoral Associate <i>St. Pius X Catholic Church</i> <i>Greensboro, North Carolina</i>	Guided by Mission, Driven by Stewardship: A Panel on Parish Vitality – Funding Growth and Evangelization Joanie Lewis, Lisa Bagladi, Ray Coogan Jose Hernandez-Aguirre, Tina Sullivan Our Sunday Visitor	Stewardship and the Liturgy Rev. James Misko, Diocesan Administrator <i>Diocese of Austin</i>	The Tech-enabled Parish: Leveraging Technology for Deeper Parishioner Stewardship and Engagement Anthony Welch, Account Executive, Strategic <i>Pushpay</i>	La Corresponsabilidad del tesoro (The Stewardship of Treasure) Bryan Mesa Alonso, Church Engagement Financial Associate, <i>Thrivent</i>
10:00-11:00 am	All Things Stewardship! How One Stewardship Committee Transformed the Life and the Giving in its Parish Linda Maccarone, Director of Parish Mission <i>St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak, Michigan</i>	Resurrecting Stewardship: A Year-long Discipleship Community Practice Rev. James Henault, Pastor David Smith, Parish Administrator <i>Catholic Church of St. Ann, Marietta, Georgia</i>	Pilgrims of Hope: Growing Young Adult Stewards Today Matt Kresich Director of Vicariate Renewal, Vicariate VI <i>Archdiocese of Chicago</i>	Planning Your Next Parish Capital Campaign and How to be Prepared Johnny Day, Principal <i>GRACE Philanthropy Services</i>	La Corresponsabilidad en los jóvenes adultos (Stewardship in Young Adults) Carlos J. Proaño, Bilingual Capital Campaign Consultant, <i>Our Sunday Visitor</i>
2:00-3:00 pm	Engaging Parishioners with a Unique Stewardship Strategy Tommy Shultz Business Development Representative <i>Diocesan</i>	Shepherding a Stewardship Parish: Tips for Priests to Raise Stewardship Awareness in Their Flock Rev. Robert Kantor, Pastor <i>St. Agnes Catholic Church, Naples, Florida</i>	Stewardship of the Interior Life-Part I: The Pursuit of Virtue Brian Niebrugge Executive Director of Stewardship <i>Archdiocese of Saint Louis</i>	Overcoming Ten Outdated Ideas in Church Stewardship Chris Kozlowski, Mission Support Director <i>North Macomb Vicariate Family of Parishes</i> <i>Archdiocese of Detroit</i>	La experiencia de una parroquia en una campaña para incrementar el ofertorio dominical (One Parish's Experience with a Sunday Offertory Increase Campaign) Very Rev. Andrés Ligot, JCD, Vicar General and Chancellor, <i>Diocese of San Jose</i>
3:30-4:30 pm	The Benefits of Establishing Small Groups to the Life of Your Parish Rev. Michael White, Pastor Tom Corcoran, Associate to the Pastor <i>Church of the Nativity, Timonium, Maryland</i>	Clergy-to-Clergy: Addressing Stewardship Issues that are Vital to the Life of the Parish A Panel of ICSC Member Pastors	Stewardship of the Interior Life-Part II: Countering Loneliness and Despair Brian Niebrugge Executive Director of Stewardship <i>Archdiocese of Saint Louis</i>	Compelling Issues for Parish Administrators and Business Managers An Interactive Panel Discussion Among ICSC Parish Members	El Plan Nacional para la Pastoral Hispana: ¿Hacia dónde vamos desde aquí? (The National Hispanic Pastoral Plan: Where Do We Go From Here?) Dr. Hosfman Ospino, Chair, Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, <i>Boston College</i> Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, Associate Director of Hispanic/Latino Affairs and National Coordinator, <i>V Encuentro, USCCB</i>
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24					
8:30-9:30 am	The Call: Inviting, Forming and Equipping Stewardship Leaders Sharon Ehrenkranz, Former Director of Parish Life <i>St. Laurence Catholic Church, Sugar Land, Texas</i>	How to Talk about the Spiritual Benefits of Giving Carl Brown, Director of Development Operations <i>Archdiocese of Cincinnati</i>	Collaboration in Ministry: Models of Parish Stewardship and Management Very Rev. Sean Prince, Pastor <i>St. Pius X Catholic Church, Norfolk, Virginia</i>	Mastering the Art of Change Management in Parish Operations Andrew LoFaro, Executive Director <i>The Koch Foundation</i>	Las Tres T's para la Comunidad Hispana (The Three T's for the Hispanic Community) Karol Garcia, Mission Advancement Manager for Hispanic Communities, <i>Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond</i> Luis Nieves, Director of Pastoral Ministry, Laity and Family Life, <i>Diocese of Orlando</i>
10:00 am	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings

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	New Trends in Catholic Stewardship and Development	Transforming Catholic Philanthropy	Great Ideas for Parishes and Dioceses	Parishes and Catholic Schools – Mission Advancement	Catholic Foundations
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22					
9:30-10:30 am	Stronger Together: Strengthening Parish Engagement through a Diocesan Stewardship Initiative Jamie Crane, Dir. of Stewardship and Development <i>Diocese of Colorado Springs</i> Eric McArdle, President <i>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</i>	Funding Opportunities for Mission Dioceses Shea Gilliland, Director of Mission <i>Catholic Extension Society</i>	Open Your Doors Wider to Talent: Leadership Tools to Rouse and Sustain Parish Engagement Denise Ehlen, Catholic Manager <i>ACS Technologies</i>	Mission Possible: Simplified Strategies for Success Tatiana Ramirez, Director, Church Division Justine Morgan, Senior Associate <i>Ruotolo Associates</i>	Guided by Grace: Estate Planning for Catholic Families Laura Meier, Esq., Founding Partner <i>The Meier Law Firm</i>
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Called to Lead: Women as Catalysts for Change in Catholic Stewardship Sheila O'Hagan McGirl, CFRE Secretary for Development <i>Diocese of Wilmington</i> Angel Flores, Senior Vice President <i>CCS Fundraising</i>	Your Legacy: Family, Church, Charity Joe Struck Financial Advisor <i>Thrivent</i>	An Integrated Approach to Stewardship That Will WOW Your Parishioners Michael Hagan Happiness Engineer <i>Flocknote</i>	Planning Capital Campaigns that Work—for Your Parish, School, or Both John Sullivan, Advancement Strategist David Lopez, Generosity Strategist <i>Generis</i>	Relationship and Portfolio Management Patrick Grace, Executive Director Mary Lou Ozimek, Assistant Executive Director <i>The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Cleveland</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	More than Just Dinners – New Ways to Thank Donors and Build Relationships Tim Dockery Secretary for Stewardship and Mission Advancement <i>Diocese of Charleston</i>	AI Meets Mission: Grant Assistant Technology and Next-Gen Catholic Fundraising Michael Fischer, Faith Partnerships Lead <i>Freewill</i>	Giving with Insight: How Donor Data Drives Parish Growth David Hurd, Sr. Hybrid Account Executive, Dioceses <i>ParishSOFT</i>	Strategic Stewardship Planning: The Heart of Successful Mission Advancement for Catholic Schools Dave Cook, Founder and CEO <i>St. Joseph Strategies, LLC</i>	Getting Your Planned Giving Efforts Started: A Review of the Fundamentals Maggie Keenan, EdD, Director of Planned Giving <i>Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond</i>
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23					
8:30-9:30 am	Faithful Fundraising in an Ever-changing World Most Rev. David P. Talley, Bishop of Memphis Michael Goodwin, President <i>Guidance in Giving</i>	New Strategies for Catholic Fundraising: Deanery Segmentations, Catholic Schools Engagement and Omnichannel Campaigns Bridgett Calla, Dir. of Operations, Office of Mission Advancement, <i>Archdiocese of Atlanta</i> Terri Porter, Dir., Office of Mission Advancement, <i>Diocese of Oakland</i> Amy Ponson Executive Director <i>The Catholic Foundation for South Louisiana</i> Theresa Aide and Kate Cominsky, <i>Suttle-Straus</i>	A Different Kind of Parish Capital Campaign: Based on Prayer, Not Pressure Denis Greene, President <i>Church Development</i>	How Peer Collaboration Helped Spur Growth in School Advancement and Development Nick Benes, Development Coordinator <i>Heart of Jesus Catholic Parishes / Norfolk Catholic School</i>	From Friends to Family: Creating a Planned Giving Pipeline Bob Krebs, Director of Development <i>Dominican Sisters of Hope</i> Janey Berends, Client Care Account Manager <i>Canopy</i>
10:00-11:00 am	Diocese of Wichita: Extraordinary Fundraising in the Stewardship Diocese Michael Wescott, Director, Office of Development and Planned Giving Matt Vuorela <i>The Steier Group</i>	Post Pandemic: The Critical Importance of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Kevin Lynch, President <i>Lynch Development Associates</i>	Beyond the Bishop's Appeal: Tailored Approaches to Parish Fundraising T.J. Wilson and Rebecca Hancock, Vice Presidents for Diocesan Sales <i>Cathedral Letter Concepts</i>	Enhancing the Level of Engagement to Support Catholic School Development Efforts Camille Denhard Director of Catholic School Development <i>Diocese of Charlotte</i>	Strengthening Parish-Foundation Relationships Margaret Keightley, Executive Director <i>Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond</i> Jim Kelley, Director of Development <i>Diocese of Charlotte</i>
2:00-3:00 pm	Exceeding Philanthropic Goals with LYBUNTS! Ray Young, Major Gifts Officer Fran Tucker, Director of Prospect Management and Research <i>Archdiocese of Denver</i>	Expanded and Personalized Donor Options to Drive Appeal Growth Bridget Daly Vice President of Business Development Vern Sebby, Senior Account Executive <i>GiveCentral</i>	Solving Your Database Mysteries! Kathy Dalsaso, Chief ROI Officer <i>ROI Dataworks</i>	Building and Sustaining a Major Gift Team for Your Catholic Grade School Tom Smith Director of Development and Stewardship <i>Archdiocese of Newark</i>	All Things Agreements – Gift, Service and Fund Agreements John Schlageter, Managing Partner <i>JKT Group</i>
3:30-4:30 pm	Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges for Catholic Dioceses Nic Prenger, Chief Executive Officer <i>Prenger Solutions Group</i>	From 24 to 54%: How One Diocese Grew Their Appeal Participation by 30% in Just 3 Years Robert W. Watts, CFRE Director of Development <i>Diocese of Lexington</i>	From Transaction to Transformation: Renewing Catholic Giving through Sacrificial Joy Katie Price, Director, Office of Parish Vitality & Mission Advancement, <i>Diocese of Springfield</i>	Diversifying Streams of Revenue in Your Mission Advancement Strategy Dan Mooney, Associate Professor <i>DePaul University</i>	Maximize Your Foundation Marketing Plan Kimberly Pohovey, <i>Catholic Community Foundation, Inc. – Archdiocese of Indianapolis</i> Angela O'Donoghue <i>Catholic Foundation of North Georgia</i>
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24					
8:30-9:30 am	Engaging Young People into Stewardship and Development Efforts Sheila O'Hagan McGirl, CFRE Secretary for Development <i>Diocese of Wilmington</i>	How to Coordinate and Manage More than One Appeal in Your Diocese Simultaneously Jim Kelley, Director of Development <i>Diocese of Charlotte</i>	Creative Fundraising Approaches to Your Hispanic Catholic Community Jose Rodriguez Co-founder, Fundraising Director <i>Impact House Media</i>	Getting Your Catholic School Mission Advancement to the Next Level of Success A Panel of School Specialists	Building More Effective Boards A Panel of Foundation Directors
10:00 am	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings	"Where do we go from here?" Regional meetings

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ICSC Parish Membership

Join the ICSC family and connect with hundreds of parishes and church leaders who share in the mission of nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ through stewardship.

Membership Commitment

Up to 250 families.	\$ 180.00
251 to 500 families.	\$ 240.00
501 to 999 families.	\$ 300.00
1,000 to 1,999 families.	\$ 360.00
2,000 to 2,500 families.	\$ 420.00
2,501 to 3,000 families.	\$ 480.00
Over 3,000 families.	\$ 540.00

SUPER EARLY BIRD ICSC MEMBER RATE (Ending July 15, 2025)	Each registrant @ \$559 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____
EARLY BIRD ICSC MEMBER RATE (July 16-31, 2025)	Each registrant @ \$599 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____
REGULAR ICSC MEMBER RATE (Beginning August 1, 2025)	Each registrant @ \$699 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____
SPOUSE RATE (members only)	Each registrant @ \$299 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____

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NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION	Each registrant @ \$1,299 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____
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PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM | ICSC Forum for Catholic Foundations (Saturday, September 20, 2:00 pm – Sunday, September 21, Noon)

with conference registration	@ \$259 x _____ (# persons) = \$ _____
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT	\$ _____
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