

## STEWARDSHIP SESSIONS AT CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

The Office of Stewardship and Development will be presenting three sessions at the 2013 Catechetical Conference, Saturday, October 19th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The first session will share how good stewardship is a key element in sustaining and furthering the mission of the Church. As we **ARISE** Together in Christ, we will learn that stewardship as a way of life, a way of holiness.

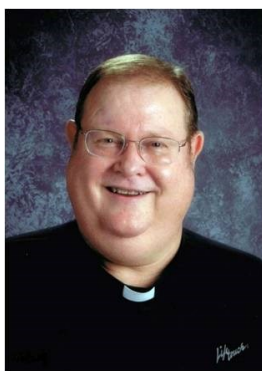
The second session arose from the need within parishes. Many diocesan parishes host ministry fairs and Stewardship Sundays with lagging results. This session, modeled after the International Catholic Stewardship Council guidelines for Stewardship Sundays, will take us on a journey leading our parishioners to commit to Time (in prayer), Talent (in ministry) and Treasure (in goods and services).

Back by popular demand, session three invites all religious educators and youth ministers to embrace the basics of stewardship as discipleship in its programs for children, youth and families. Nurturing stewards at a young age will build the future of our Church.

The Office of Stewardship and Development invites you to the Catechetical Conference, sponsored by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.

## Colorado Priest Shepherds Nations Largest Stewardship Parish

Fr. Andrew Kemberling, pastor since 2000, shepherds more than 6,200 families at St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial, CO. Under his leadership St. Thomas More has received numerous awards, including 2007 Archbishop Thomas Murphy Memorial Award, for outstanding work in promoting stewardship as a way of life. For Fr. Andrew, stewardship isn't a gimmick. It's a form of spirituality. Stewardship is the conversion in a materialistic world. If we can really see it as a "living" spirituality, it will change all of us. Fr. Andrew is the co-author, along with Mila Glodava, of the book *Making Stewardship A Way of Life - A Complete Guide for Catholic Parishes*. He is this month's webinar presenter.



## 8 WAYS TO ENHANCE PARISH GIVING



One of the main roles we have is to encourage an attitude of generosity among our parishioners so they truly invest in their faith and support the

parish stewardship efforts. This 60 minute webinar will discuss tested methods and creative ways of enhancing parish giving.

*Our Sunday Visitor* hosts monthly 60-minute Loaves + Fishes® stewardship webinars for parish staff and leaders in a variety of topics critical to parish life. Each webinar is normally \$59.00 per parish (*that's over \$400 a year!*) But the Office of Stewardship and Development has paid your way!!

This webinar series is **FREE** TO YOU.

Please take advantage of the investment we have made in your parish. These esteemed presenters provide quality education at costs much larger than this.

**The next free OSV webinar will be Tuesday, October 8 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Fr. Andrew Kemberling will present "Eight Ways to Enhance Parish Giving"**

If you missed last month's Stewardship webinar, don't let it happen again! This parish growth opportunity is **FREE** to you.

### To register visit

**1:00 PM Registration Link:**

<https://student.gototraining.com/rt/4420276782965463040>

**6:00 PM Registration Link:**

<https://student.gototraining.com/rt/647484051671051008>

and insert '**FREE**' (all capital letters) when prompted for the discount code.

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You will receive an e-mail confirmation from Diane Brumbaugh with the link you will use to join the webinar on Tuesday October 8.

**SAVE THIS E-MAIL.** Your parish can watch the webinar from the same computer, or you can register on different computers and watch in the comfort of your own office or home!

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

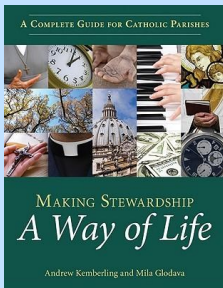
**N** Blending Multiple Cultures  
**O** Date: November 12  
**V** Times: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. CT

**D** Effective Parish Communications  
**E** Date: December 10  
**C** Times: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. CT



**6 Phases of Stewardship**

- Stewardship of Prayer
- Stewardship of Ministry
- Stewardship of Faith
- Stewardship of Treasure**
- Stewardship of Vocations
- Stewardship of Earth



*The book 'Making Stewardship a Way of Life' explains each phase in detail. Pick one up today! Books are available in the office of Stewardship and Development*

As we continue with the six phases of Stewardship from 'Making Stewardship a Way of Life' we come across the stewardship of treasure. The renewal commitment of stewardship of treasure is a five-week active phase. Over these 5 weeks, the liturgy introduction must include a stewardship theme. The intentions must include stewardship petitions. With the repetition of stewardship throughout the mass your parish will begin to think and feel like a stewardship parish. Stewardship should no longer feel like a foreign concept.

**WEEK 1**

1) A letter from the pastor is sent to all parishioners. (This includes non-giving parishioners)

The letter might include the following:

- Announce the beginning of the stewardship of treasure renewal weekends.
- Talk about the stewardship season
- Thank parishioners for their support in time, talent and treasure.
- Ask them to make a commitment to God in thanksgiving for what God has done for them
- Remember to stay upbeat and positive. No apologies
- Describe the three weekends that are approaching. On commitment Sunday they will be asked to make a commitment in church.

2) Pastor's homily for this week speaks largely to stewardship of treasure.

**WEEK 2**

- 1) Lay witness speakers give testimony to how stewardship has worked in their lives.
- 2) Second letter from pastor is sent out with a commitment card and envelope. Parishioners are asked to bring their completed cards to Mass. (pre-printed cards help with data entry)

**WEEK 3**

Commitment Sunday

- 1) The pastor preaches at all Masses
  - 2) Commitment cards in the pews
  - 3) Pastor gives instruction on completing commitment card
- Fr. Andrew Kemberling suggests just taking the plunge and start. He often says "Make a commitment and stick to it- a part tithe or a half tithe."
- 4) Pastor invites everyone (including children) to come forward as a symbol of offering their commitment to God
  - 5) Pastor reminds parishioners that the parish also tithes to a charity account for distributions to the poor. This is our commitment of solidarity with the poor.

**WEEK 4**

Follow Up Weekend

- 1) Bulletin reminds those who didn't make a commitment to make a commitment *today*
- 2) Commitment cards still in pews
- 3) Pastor asks those who didn't commit, to place their commitment in the collection basket.

**WEEK 5**

Final Active Follow Up

- 1) Commitments are already in database
- 2) Thank You letters are in the mail
- 3) Follow Up letters are sent to those who haven't made a commitment
- 4) Follow up continues throughout year until communication is made with parishioner
- 5) Prepare for Stewardship of Vocations.

**5 Types of Parishioners in the Pews:**

- 1) Those who have never given anything in the past and probably never will give in the future. Pastor can speak to them by saying "I'm praying for you, so that you will begin to forgive and get rid of your anger"
- 2) Those who throw a dollar or two into the offertory basket and do not plan their giving to the church.
- 3) Those who will make a commitment for the first time
- 4) Those who will tithe for the first time
- 5) Those who have been tithers.

**Share these types of givers in your homily so parishioners can identify with one type.**



Bishop Michael Jackels, Episcopal Moderator of the International Catholic Stewardship Council presents Sister Lale Pelikan with the distinguished Christian Stewardship Award at the 2013 ICSC Conference.

The Christian Stewardship Award is awarded each year to one individual (or one organization) for their unique and extraordinary witness to Christian stewardship as a way of life. Sister Lale is the first religious sister to receive this award.

**Next OSV Webinar**

**November 12**

**1 p.m. & 6 p.m.**

***Blending Multiple Cultures***

Your parish is probably a multi-cultural parish, even if you have Mass in only one language. And if your congregation speaks two or more languages, you certainly are! This session will look at some ways to see and celebrate our rich cultural diversity. Come prepared to share some examples of your own and to go home with a wealth of new ideas!

If you missed the September webinar about **Social Media in the Church** watch for free at:



<http://goo.gl/XcdyxU>

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**Save the Dates!**

**October 6:** ARISE Kick Off!

**October 8:** Stewardship Webinar 1pm & 6pm

**October 19:** Catechetical Conference