

STEWARDSHIP SESSIONS AT CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

The Office of Stewardship and Development will be presenting three sessions at the 2013 Catechetical Conference.

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 Development invites you to the Catechetical Conference, sponsored by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.



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! The upcoming November 12th webinar 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!

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, November 12 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sharon Hueckel will present "Blending Multiple Cultures"

To register for November's Webinar:

1:00 PM Registration Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/r/6808717304681432064>

6:00 PM Registration Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/r/2380831147511187968>

and insert **'FREE'** (all capital letters) when prompted for the discount code. You will receive an e-mail confirmation from Diane Brumbaugh with the link you will use to join the webinar on Tuesday November 12.

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!

Price

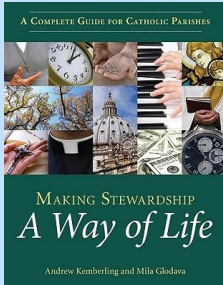
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6 Phases of Stewardship

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



Written by Fr. Andrew Kemberling, shepherd of St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial CO. A Stewardship parish of over 6,000 families.

As we continue with the six phases of Stewardship from 'Making Stewardship a Way of Life' we mustn't forget the stewardship of vocations. Like stewardship, the fruits of vocational efforts will not blossom over night. It takes years for men and women to discern an entire life dedicated to the Church. Vocations begin at home, with nurturing and supportive parents. Parents must also be welcoming and supportive of the current clergy and religious in their lives, to set a good example for their children.

"CALLED BY NAME"

St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial Colorado plans one to two weeks in November for vocations using the "Called by Name" program.

In the first weekend, the presiding cleric preaches about his own vocation. Then the priest asks parishioners to think of someone whom they think may have a vocation.

The second weekend, the priest gives another homily on vocations. As with other stewardship renewals, the priest asks parishioners to pick up a card in the pews and pray the stewardship prayer for vocations. On the back of this card is space for a parishioner to nominate a person or persons who could start studying for the priesthood or religious life.

Nominees receive two letters. One of their nomination and another with upcoming diocesan vocation events and retreats.

This process can take 3-4 years. Many times when a person is nominated by his/her parish for 4 years in a row, he/she begins to seriously consider a call to religious life.

CLERGY & RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DAY

A day set aside before Lent to celebrate the active and retired priests of the parish as well as any sisters or brothers in diocesan homes.

Children and youth write letters of appreciation to clergy. This is a good time for them to learn about the vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

Weekly bulletins include birthdays and ordination anniversaries.

This helps people appreciate that when they give their life to the service of the Church, they are not alone. Being called Brother, Sister or Father clearly denotes that we are family.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Birthdays and ordination anniversaries aside, take one day a year to thank your pastor for his vocation to your church. Remember, our holidays are their workdays!

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

bless your Church, with abundance of holy zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that through Him, with Him, in Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Have you missed out ?

This newsletter is published and mailed at the beginning of each month. To receive a copy by mail or e-mail please visit www.catholicstewardshipclubbock.com and sign up today! Past newsletters are also available to view or download.

The LAST OSV Webinar

December 10 at 1 p.m.

Effective Parish Communications

Communicating about stewardship requires more than newsletters and a month-long program of ministry fairs, lay witnessing, and a commitment Sunday. This workshop will provide practical ideas of ways to keep the stewardship message alive all year long and as a shared responsibility among all those involved in parish ministry.

If you missed the October webinar **8 Way of to Increase Parish Giving** watch for free at:



<http://goo.gl/tp1AhS>

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