



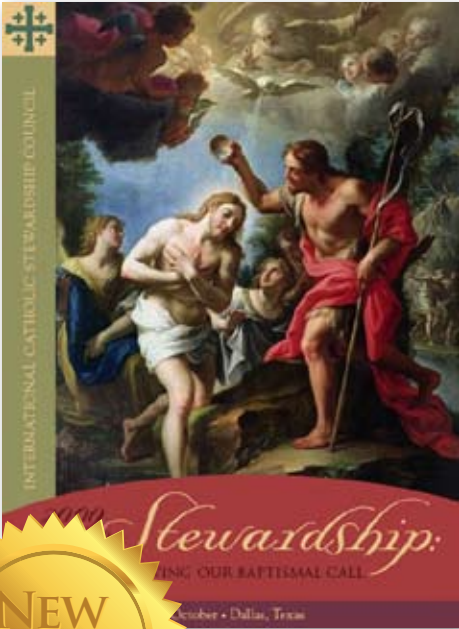
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

2009 Annual Conference

Preview



STEWARDSHIP: LIVING OUR BAPTISMAL CALL — 11-14 October • Dallas, Texas



CONFERENCE THEME: Living Our Baptismal Call

The theme for the International Catholic Stewardship Council's 2009 conference is Stewardship: Living Our Baptismal Call. In the United States bishops' pastoral letter on Christian stewardship they teach that stewardship involves embracing a Christ-centered way of living which has its beginning in the sacrament of baptism. This biblically commissioned sacrament is the foundation of our call to be good stewards and to proclaim by word and deed the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To be held this year in Dallas, Texas, the ICSC conference provides a host of opportunities to learn how stewardship encourages us to proclaim the Good News. The conference will reveal how sacred liturgy and parish life work together to nurture and promote stewardship in our family of faith. The many presenters will also invite us to reflect on ways to grow in our Catholic faith and to understand how stewardship calls us to open our hearts to God and take our faith even deeper.

The image we use this year is that of the Baptism of Christ by the 17th century Italian painter Francesco Trevisani. With his baptism Jesus entered his public ministry as a servant of his Father. From the moment Jesus descends into the waters of the Jordan his life is changed forever: He is fully obedient to his Father through the Holy Spirit. His life is totally one of mission; a life that becomes a life for us. In our annual baptismal renewal, we enter into Jesus' baptism. We once again express a willingness to become obedient with him who does the will of his Father under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We "put on Christ." That is the steward's way. That is what our conference is all about.



ICSC SHIFTS 2009 CONFERENCE DATES

Please note a change in dates for the 2009 ICSC conference. The conference dates have been moved from its previous September dates. The new dates are:

Sunday, October 11 to Wednesday, October 14.

Our host, the Hilton Anatole hotel, approached ICSC recently to ask for an accommodation in the conference schedule. After taking the hotel's offer into consideration, the ICSC board of directors and 2009 Conference Committee chaired by Fr. Dan Mahan, believed it to be in ICSC's best interest to accommodate the request to move the dates. **Please mark your calendars and join us!**

ICSC Parish Stewardship-related Awards Request for award submissions

Every year ICSC recognizes those parishes that have best embraced Christian stewardship and promoted the concept of stewardship through print and video during the year. We now invite parishes to submit their entries for the various ICSC award and recognition categories:

The Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Award, presented to a parish for its outstanding work in Christian stewardship formation.

Parish Stewardship Certificates of Recognition recognize parishes that give witness to stewardship in many areas of parish life.

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Parish Stewardship Promotional Awards honor parishes that promote stewardship in the following categories:

- Total Parish Stewardship Effort
- Parish Stewardship Commitment Materials
- Parish Capital Campaign Materials
- Parish Stewardship Video

Please review and complete the accompanying applications for one or more categories in which you wish to be considered. The deadline for submission of award entries is April 24, 2009. The awardees will be announced at the 2009 ICSC Conference in Dallas this October.

Submit Your Parish Stewardship Promotional Materials Today!

ICSC Conference Tracks

Whether you are a pastor, parish leader or stewardship professional looking to be introduced to the concept of Christian stewardship or go beyond the introductory track, the stewardship sessions are specifically designed to assist you in your efforts to keep stewardship fresh and alive from year to year. The stewardship tracks include:



An Introduction to Christian Stewardship: The sessions in this track are designed to be a primer on stewardship. The sessions offer a general introduction to the theology, spirituality and biblical foundations of Christian stewardship as well as offer a model that parish leaders can reflect on as they begin to introduce their parishioners to stewardship.



Reinvigorating Parish Stewardship: Sessions in this track will be especially helpful to pastors and parish leaders who have already introduced stewardship in their parishes and are looking for creative ways to enhance and improve their ongoing stewardship efforts.



Practical Stewardship: These sessions are designed to offer conference attendees an opportunity to be exposed to an in-depth treatment on topics of Christian stewardship that would not necessarily be covered in the first two tracks. This track offers a number of sessions that are for personal enrichment or ministerial growth.



Living the Pastoral Letter: The sessions in this track resemble a general elective track, where stewardship-related issues are explored such as evangelization, liturgy, Christian service, or perhaps the life of stewardship introduced in a country outside North America or another topical theme related to stewardship and the life of the church.

Pictured at left are some of the many dynamic stewardship speakers you will see at the conference. From top to bottom: **Most Rev. John McRaith**, Bishop, Diocese of Owensboro, KY; **Laura Lopez**, Pastoral Coordinator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Indio, CA; **Rev. Daniel Mahan**, Executive Director, Marian College Center for Catholic Stewardship in Indianapolis, IN; **Leisa Anslinger**, Indianapolis, IN.

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