

# Stewardship Networking Group

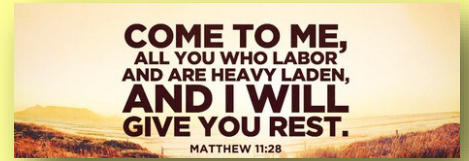
## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

### COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR

Presented by Kathleen Messina Director, Spiritual Direction Institute

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10:00 a.m.

at the Emmaus Spirituality Center, 2749 Hollister Rd, Houston, TX 77080  
PAC Room D on the St. Jerome Campus.



Stewardship is work; holy work to spread the Kingdom of God. Our temptation, as good and faithful leader-workers in the vineyard, is to forget that it is our Lord who labors in and through and for us. Pause with me and the members of the Archdiocesan Stewardship Group on September 11<sup>th</sup> to remember this truth for ourselves, so that we can share it with others. We will also explore how we can remain connected with the One who carries the load. Invite others to attend with you! **RSVP appreciated!** Please RSVP to *Suzanne Staron* at [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) (or reply to this email) or *Sharon Ehrenkranz* at [sehrenkranz@icloud.com](mailto:sehrenkranz@icloud.com)

### Stewardship of Creation and Mutual Coexistence: Embracing Pope Leo XIV's August Intention

In his August 2025 prayer intention, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray “that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation”—be it ethnic, political, religious, or ideological. He calls on us to commit to dialogue, fraternity, and the recognition of human dignity, urging: “*Make us builders of bridges... recognizing in every person an inviolable dignity.*”

This message resonates powerfully with our Catholic call to stewardship, especially of creation—the very world God entrusted to our care. In a recent homily celebrated on July 9, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that we are called to be guardians of creation—custodians of all that God has made. He linked stewardship of the environment with our broader responsibility to foster peace, protect human life, and share the gifts of creation with profound reverence—echoing St. Francis of Assisi, who called all creatures his sisters and brothers.

[Watch Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention Video](#)

#### Reflecting on Both Dimensions:

1. Towards Peaceful Coexistence: Pope Leo’s prayer intention leads us beyond surface tolerance toward a deeper solidarity. It challenges us to listen earnestly, dismantle division, and build communities rooted in compassion and mutual respect.
2. Stewardship of Creation as a Moral Foundation: Caring for the earth isn’t just environmentalism—it’s faith in practice. As bishops note, creation is a gift to be nurtured, shared, and protected. Our stewardship fosters justice for people and respect for the planet.

#### A Call to Action

As Catholics, we’re invited to unite both threads—the care of creation and peaceful coexistence—as expressions of our faith lived in the world:

- Engage in environmental stewardship at home, in parish ministries, or community initiatives.
- Actively promote dialogue and solidarity among neighbors, dismantling divisions and affirming dignity.
- Pray Pope Leo XIV’s August prayer intentionally, asking for the Holy Spirit’s guidance to renew our hearts and communities in harmony with God’s creation.

In embracing these twin calls—guardian of creation and bridge-builder in society—we witness that faith, action, and hope converge to renew both earth and neighbor.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
SEPT 11	Come to Me, All Who Labor	Kathleen Messina	Emmaus Spirituality Center
NOV 13	Best of ICSC/Plan 2026	Roundtable	St. Mary Magdelene, Humble Tx

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