

Stewardship Networking Group ***Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston***

JOIN US: MAY 8, at 10 a.m., our topic: *Forming Pilgrims of Hope*
“the virtue of hope as a catalyst of living faith. As pilgrim on a journey, it is hope that strengthens the faith we have and hope that spurs us to love; that is, to act on or live out our faith, to be stewards.”

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**Location: St Laurence Parish 3103 Sweetwater Blvd , Sugarland Tx.
 Ava Maria Parish Life Center**

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As we continue our prayers for Pope Francis, our Holy Father, it is good to remind ourselves of his dedication to stewardship, as a way of life.

Pope Francis and His Influence on Catholic Stewardship

Pope Francis has profoundly influenced Catholic stewardship by emphasizing care for creation and the equitable sharing of resources. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, he calls for an "integral ecology," urging the faithful to recognize the interconnectedness of all life and to act as responsible stewards of the environment. This document bridges rigorous scientific research with spiritual teachings, highlighting the moral imperative to address climate change and environmental degradation.

Beyond environmental concerns, Pope Francis advocates for social justice, focusing on the needs of the poor and marginalized. He emphasizes that stewardship involves not only caring for the Earth but also ensuring that its fruits are shared equitably among all people. This holistic approach to stewardship reflects a deep commitment to living out the Gospel through tangible actions that promote both ecological sustainability and human dignity.

As Pope Francis faces illness, we lift him in prayer, asking God to grant him strength and healing. His leadership continues to inspire Catholics worldwide to embrace stewardship as a way of life, recognizing that all we have is a gift to be shared with love and responsibility. May we honor his call by caring for creation and serving those in need with renewed dedication.

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| JULY 10 | Conversations in the Spirit | Fr. Clint Ressler | St. Bernadette, Clear Lake |
| 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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