

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Dear ICSC Parish Member:

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy left us with a legacy of stewardship that touches the lives of Catholics throughout the United States, Canada and the world. The International Catholic Stewardship Council announced the creation of the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Memorial Parish Stewardship Award in 1998. The award is presented each year at our annual conference to the parish which best exemplifies a long-term commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Its purpose is to recognize a parish that has embraced every aspect of stewardship and has shown evidence of spiritual growth and community outreach.

Every parish that is a member of ICSC may apply for this award. Included with this mailing are an application form and an evaluation form that details the items by which your submission will be judged. Please pay close attention to the application criteria and complete the enclosed form in detail. The application form, the one-to-three-page summary and supporting materials should be enclosed in a file folder or three-ring binder. Please send this information to:

This year, the Murphy award committee has adapted the criteria to better consider parishes of all sizes for this award by looking at the amount of growth a parish has had as a results of putting stewardship more fully into practice – not necessarily the amount of activities a parish does.

Scott Bader ICSC Parish Stewardship Education and Services Committee Archdiocese of Seattle 710 Ninth Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

The deadline for submitting all nominations is April 24, 2009.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the application criteria, please feel free to call Scott at (206) 903-4619, or email to ScottB@SeattleArch.org.

May God continue to bless your stewardship efforts as together we work to build His Kingdom.

Scott Bader, Chair

ICSC Stewardship Education Committee

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Please note that for parishes that aren't at the point of applying for the Murphy Parish Stewardship award, ICSC now would like to recognize other good stewardship parishes with the ICSC Stewardship Parish of Excellence Award. Any parish that meets the criteria for this recognition will receive the certification. Included with this mailing is the application for this recognition. We'd like to recognize YOU!

International Catholic Stewardship Council, Inc. Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Memorial Parish Stewardship Award 2009 Application Form

Please include this form in paper format along with the CD containing the application and examples.

The Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Memorial Parish Stewardship Award is presented annually to the PARISH which best exemplifies a long-term commitment to a stewardship way of life. The recipient of this award must have initiated and developed this way of life at a comprehensive level that embraces stewardship of time, talent and treasure across all parish groups. The parish's on-going conversion to stewardship will be evidenced by its growth in spirituality and its witness and outreach to the larger community.

Name of individual submitting application		
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Name of parish applying for award		
Telephone number of parish contact person		
Pastor		
Parish Website		
Diocese/Archdiocese		

Please submit all nominations to Scott Bader, ICSC Parish Stewardship Education and Services Committee, Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. The deadline for submitting all nominations is April 24, 2009.

ARCHBISHIP THOMAS J. MURPHY PARISH STEWARDSHIP AWARD CRITERIA.

Please write a summary of no more than 5 pages that demonstrates:

- What the parish is doing to meet the 'Baseline Requirements' and
- Statistics that show how the parish has grown as a result of stewardship (A-G).

Where appropriate, please include examples or supporting documents.

The Murphy award committee would be grateful if the application could be submitted in electronic format (eg, on a CD, with electronic files attached, including scanning in if necessary appropriate examples).

Baseline requirements

- 1. Parish has an active stewardship committee or pastoral council discusses stewardship as part of its agenda regularly at every meeting.
- 2. The parish stewardship committee has a detailed annual plan. Please provide a copy of your parish plan.
- 3. An annual commitment renewal of time, talent, and treasure has taken place every year for the past 5 years. Planned Giving is regularly promoted.
- 4. An annual ministry fair is held/ministry guide is updated or some sort of formal ministry awareness activities take place on a regular basis.
- 5. Volunteers are thanked, shown appreciation, and recognized.
- 6. Communication: weekly bulletin column on stewardship and regular bulletin inserts on stewardship.
- 7. Education/Catechesis: stewardship topics are part of the faith formation programs (include examples of how)
- 8. Spirituality: witness talks are given by parishioners each year, homilies are given regularly about stewardship (give information about when maybe include written copies of presentations)
- 9. Outreach: the parish tithes off its income, and gives service to the community.
- 10. Welcome/Hospitality fellowship is provided after every Mass, visitor/registration information is easily available, and there is some sort of official welcoming process.
- 11. What are the parish's next stewardship goals?

Growth related requirements (measurable changes are suggested whether in numerical format or narrative format)

- A. Statistics demonstrate growth in stewardship efforts please provide a narrative of the past five years of giving (financial, number of household, and number and variety of volunteer time)
- B. How has your financial status changed over the past 5 years? Has your Sunday offertory increased? Has your overall parish income increased?
- C. Has the number of ministries changed in the past 5 years? Has the number of volunteers increased? Has the number of volunteer hours increased?
- D. How has the amount of communication about stewardship to the parishioners-increased over the last 5 years?
- E. What additional ministries or events have begun at the parish in the past 5 years that emphasize the spirituality of stewardship?
- F. How has there been a measurable increase in the volunteer service of your parishioners in your local community? How has there been a measurable increase in the financial support of the local, national and universal Church?
- G. How many households have been registered in the parish for each of the last 5 years?