

Parish Stewardship Update

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THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION BI-ANNUAL DINNER ***“PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE”***

An Evening Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation’s Investment Managers

Brandes Investment Partners ⌘ *ICM Asset Management* ⌘ *Estabrook Capital Management* ⌘ *Fayez Sarofim*
Stein Roe Investment Counsel ⌘ *AIM Private Asset Management*

Thursday, November 20, 2003
Giovanni’s Restaurant, Rockford
5:30 Social ⌘ **6:00 Dinner** ⌘ **7:00 Program**

Keynote Speaker:

Rich Goode, J.D., Director of Gift Planning, Archdiocese of Chicago
“The Stewardship of Assets: A Disciples’ Response”

Your choice of two of the following Breakout Sessions:

SESSION A ~ HOW ARE YOUR FOUNDATION ASSETS INVESTED AND MONITORED?

The Foundation Investment Consultant, the Chairman of the Finance and Investment Committee and one of our Investment Managers will discuss the advantages of utilizing a diversified, multi-manager approach. They will also discuss the fiduciary role of the Finance and Investment Committee.

SESSION B ~ WHY I HAVE REMEMBERED THE CHURCH IN MY ESTATE PLAN

Meet Jody Deery: Catholic, local family business owner, Foundation Board Member and planned giver. Find out why the Church is in her estate plan and why the “Jody Deerys” in your parish should do the same.

SESSION C ~ Q&A WITH OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rich Goode will answer any questions you have from his keynote address and share some practical tips to attract major gifts to your parish or school.

To RSVP, call Kim Smith at the Catholic Foundation, 815/399-4300.

Good Stewardship ...

In The Spirit Of Giving...

The lay witness is a subject which often elicits fear in the hearts and minds of those who have not prepared one. Sometimes it also elicits the same reaction in those who have presented their

witness often. We need to look at the generalizations and bring them to a reasonable expectation. One very simple way of sharing your witness is to be grateful in the everyday areas of your life. One example would be to remember to say thank-you.



A sincere thank-you

spoken to the grocery clerk, the dry cleaner, the bank teller, the toll collector all begin a process of being grateful to those who often may take negative responses from other people. A positive attitude driven by our faith as disciples of Christ will automatically change the way we view the world and hopefully others will recognize our response and begin to change their own.



One step beyond the verbal word is the written thank-you. I have often been bowled over by a sincere note of thanks from someone who is appreciative of an action or a presentation. I continue to try to be more pro-active in the written form of thanks and to be perfectly honest, I struggle with getting thank-you notes

and letters out to those who are truly deserving.

Don't forget that with the wonderful technology we have available, it is easy to write someone a simple note in e-mail format to save on postage and deliver it directly into their mailbox. With e-mail you can also send greeting cards with the appropriate sentiments and fun graphics. Use the tools available for the most positive results.



Generally, the order is as written.

1. A verbal response
 - a. Face to Face
 - b. Telephone
2. A hand written response
3. An electronic response



As time goes on, I would appreciate your insights into how you share your appreciation of others and their gifts of presence to you. Please send me your creative methods of thanking people as well as your time tested consistent methods.

Share Your Gifts

“At a time when our world and society often seem out of step and at a loss for direction, we in the Stewardship Movement praise the Lord for the gift of the Gospel insight that through the practice of stewardship we are truly responsible disciples of the Lord Jesus. That is not only a consolation for us but it is the direction for our lives.”

*His Excellency, The Most Reverend James P. Keleher
ICSC 2003 Annual Report*