

Report of the Stewardship Commission to the 220th Diocesan Convention

Ask for "Stewardship Assistance for Your Parish or Mission" and "Rewarding Stewardship". These are introductory brochures to stewardship resources available in this diocese. Stewardship, evangelism, formation and liturgy all work together in support of our common vocation of being Christ's trustees of our own and other assets of the creation. We help to teach this as a "gospel of stewardship".

We facilitate two great teaching opportunities each year. On May 17th, 2003 we hosted a day symposium named "Stewardship in Christ's Image" at Trinity Cathedral. The lead resource was none less than Bruce Rockwell! On May 22, 2004 there will be a large day-long stewardship festival themed, "Stewardship for New Generation". It will co-star Hugh Magers and Chief Kubicek in what might be the most profound and entertaining event we have ever offered. In the fall we present at Equipping the Servants, which we plan to do again. This year (November 15, 2003) Stephen Rozzelle captivated us with his "Dignity and Money" presentation. Bob Fox and Mike Redpath gave a great session on "Year-Round Stewardship". The raw footage from these outstanding presentations is being edited to become available as another parish resource.

Parishes can also request on-site consultation or homilies. In some cases we will be able to come ourselves, in others we refer qualified consultants, or identify additional resources.

We're easy to find. I am at General Seminary (thiele@eclipse.net). Bob Fox (bobfox926@msn.com) handles inquiries from the northern half of the Diocese. Mike Redpath (mredpath@acreativeworld.com) handles inquiries from the southern half of the Diocese. They and other very qualified members of the Stewardship Commission welcome assisting you. It is an all-volunteer effort.

The Diocese of New Jersey is a member of TENS, The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. Try logging onto <http://www.TENS.org> which will gateway a massive amount of useful stewardship resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diocese of New Jersey Stewardship Commission