

# CONFERENCE



# Thursday, January 30, 2020

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### THE STORY OF HOW A TYPICAL CATHOLIC PARISH BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL MODEL



#### Msgr. Thomas McGread

- Renowned stewardship pioneer
- Former pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Wichita, Kansas
- Longtime Advisor to Catholic Stewardship Consultants until his passing in April 2013

The late Msgr. Thomas McGread is often called the "Father of Stewardship." At this conference, we share the remarkable story of how stewardship transformed Msgr. McGread's parish – St. Francis of Assisi in Wichita – and how it has impacted other parishes across the country, including the home parishes of each of our conference presenters.

This conference, for both clergy and lay leaders, will provide a setting for you to discover how to teach your parishioners to become better Christian stewards.

Beginning in the 1960s, Msgr. McGread built one of the most vibrant parishes in the country by teaching parishioners how to use their personal gifts, or what he called "time, talent, and treasure."

Msgr. McGread was influential in the drafting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, which adopted his terminology and theological vision. Msgr. McGread's approach to stewardship was that it is a spiritual, biblically-based principle that begins with conversion of heart and translates into a lifestyle of service.

His message was so compelling that he was invited to speak at parishes and dioceses across the country, and he also was the keynote speaker at several ICSC conferences. In addition, Msgr. McGread was a part of the team at Catholic Stewardship Consultants from 2002 up until his passing in April 2013.

"The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is charged with intense joy."

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Come learn more about how you can develop proven stewardship practices in your parish.





- Spend time with clergy and lay leaders who are striving to make stewardship a priority in their parishes.
- Receive an educational DVD featuring the late Msgr. Thomas McGread highlighting key stewardship components to show to your parish leaders.
- Learn about the practical components needed to encourage parishioners to become better Christian stewards.



# Conference Agenda

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8:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer and Intro
9:15 a.m.	Fr. Greg Paffel
	The Spirituality of Stewardship
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Lisa McArdle Stewardship in the Family
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Fr. Michael Troha Successful Stewardship in Two Different Parishes
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB Stewardship: A Marathon Not a Sprint
2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks
3:00 p.m.	Blessing & Dismissal

# OUR SPEAKERS



#### FR. GREG PAFFEL Pastor – St. Alexius, Our Lady of the Angels, and St. Paul's, Sauk Centre, Minn.

Fr. Greg Paffel is currently the pastor of three vibrant Catholic parishes in the Diocese of St. Cloud: St. Alexius, Our Lady of the Angels, and St. Paul's. He is a graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He twice served with the National Evangelization Team (NET), spent time with the college ministry of St. Paul's Outreach, and assisted with a few Steubenville Youth Conferences. Some of Fr. Greg's goals for the 18 years of his priesthood have been to lead

people into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to help them become more involved in parish life, and to just simply remind everyone how good they are. When he gets a little time to himself, he can be found bicycling, riding a motorcycle, paddling a kayak, or playing his guitar. But the most enjoyable time is when Fr. Greg spends time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



#### LISA MCARDLE

Vice President of Client Services - Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Lisa McArdle is one of the co-founders of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) and currently serves as Vice President of Client Services. For over 23 years, Lisa has worked with hundreds of parishes across the country on every aspect of stewardship development. Lisa and her team at CSC work closely with parishes and dioceses, utilizing a proven spiritual-based process that focuses on increasing the practice of stewardship. She co-authored the 2019 book

Stewardship Success: A Practical Guide for Catholic Parishes. Lisa has been married to CSC President Eric for 25 years and the couple has five daughters ranging in age from age 9 to 24 years old. She is a member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church in Augusta, Georgia, and has been involved in various parish ministries, and has served in several leadership roles at the parish.



#### FR. MICHAEL TROHA Pastor – Immaculate Conception, Willoughby, Ohio

Fr. Michael Troha has been a priest in the Diocese of Cleveland for 38 years. After attending a Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference in Wichita in February 2005, he began to put into practice what he learned at that conference at Immaculate Conception in Willoughby, then at St. Ignatius in Cleveland, and now back at Immaculate Conception, where he returned for a second assignment as pastor in 2019. Over the years, Fr. Troha has successfully developed stewardship as a way

of life at both parishes. The spirituality of stewardship and its connection to discipleship is being spread throughout his parish, and both Immaculate Conception and St. Ignatius have experienced increases in spiritual growth, parishioner ownership, parishioner involvement and financial giving.



#### VERY REV. GODFREY MULLEN, OSB Rector – St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville, Ind.

Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, is the rector of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville, Ind. Professed as a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey in 1989, he was ordained a priest in 1994. After retuning from studies to the abbey in 2001 and earning his PhD in Liturgical Studies from The Catholic University of America in 2003, he taught seminarians, lay students, and diaconate candidates for 12 years. He also held several administrative posts in the seminary at St. Meinrad. In 2012, he became pastor of St. Mary's Parish in

Hungtingburg, Ind. In 2013, Bishop Charles Thompson assigned him to be rector of St. Benedict Cathedral, and he recently began working to develop stewardship as a way of life at the cathedral parish.

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

### Deadline to register: January 10, 2019 Cost: \$75 per person

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