

June 4, 2018

-Important Announcement-
Please Forward to Stewardship Representatives in your Parish/Ministries

*\$1,000 St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund Scholarships
Available for approved stewardship conferences and parish stewardship initiatives.*

In June of 2014, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, *The St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund* was created. Its purpose is to benefit the Diocese and to fund programming to create, enhance, and promote the tenants of “stewardship” within our parishes and Catholic ministries.

St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund scholarships are available to send delegates to the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) or to the Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference from any and all parishes within the Diocese of St. Augustine, regardless if they have received this scholarship in the past.

- 2018 ICSC – October 28-31 in Nashville, TN
[<https://bit.ly/2LWgOoN>]
- 2018 Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference - August 29-30 in Wichita, KS.
[<https://bit.ly/2sGh8PF>]

Parishes applying for this scholarship will receive \$1,000 to help cover the cost of membership fees and registration to attend either conference. *St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund* applications need to be sent to the Office of Development & Stewardship attention Julie Snow (jsnow@dosaf1.com). Scholarship application deadline is Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Scholarships will be disbursed by the end of August 2018.

****Please note: If you choose to attend the ICSC Conference, your parish MUST register or renew the ICSC membership. Once your parish is in good standing, you will then need to register your delegates to attend the conference. Early registration discounts are available thru July 31, 2018.**

See additional information for the St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund attached. This information includes Parish Stewardship Scholarships which are also available (please use corresponding application) for 2018.

St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund Scholarships



June 2018

St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund

St. Michael is one of the principal angels; his name was the war-cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. The name Michael is a variation of Micah, meaning in Hebrew, "Who is like God?" The Feast day of St. Michael, celebrated September 29th, describes St. Michael in the Holy Scripture as "one of the chief princes" and leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles.

In 2014, an anonymous donor made a restricted gift of \$120,000 to better defend ourselves and enable the Church to stand on its own feet by teaching the tenants of stewardship. Given to benefit the Diocese in the name of St. Michael, it is being used to fund programing to enhance, create, and promote the pillars of "stewardship" within our parishes and Catholic ministries. All funds are being used to specifically assist pastoral and lay leadership in implementing new stewardship programs in parishes where none exist and enhance stewardship within existing parishes that teach and promote the gifts of time, talent, treasure, and oneself. These funds also provide the training, tools, motivation, and resources to assist parish staff, lay leaders, and volunteers with stewardship programming. To date, 66 scholarships have been awarded to parishes.

Purpose:

- (1) To provide an incentive scholarship for all parishes to send at least one delegate to an approved stewardship conference. Pastors accepting the \$1,000 incentive will agree to assign a parish chair for stewardship and to send at least one delegate to the *2018 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Conference* at Sacred Heart – Fleming Island's Sullivan Center on October 20, 2018.
- (2) To provide a second level of scholarships to parishes who choose to retain a recognized and approved stewardship consulting firm, company or materials to assist with instituting a stewardship program. In addition, any stewardship plan adopted or implemented must include educational and/or stewardship teaching that includes youth and young adults.

Stewardship Scholarships can be used for ICSC or Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference (corresponding application attached). Scholarships can be used for any of the following:

1. One time cost of 2018 annual membership to ICSC (see ICSC information attached) for a parish (applies only to ICSC)
2. Registration cost for either 2018 ICSC (October 28-31, 2018 in Nashville, TN) or Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference (August 29-30, 2018 in Wichita, KS)
3. *Or* Up to \$1,000 in total costs to attend the 2018 conference
NOTE: Parishes will be responsible for hotel accommodations, travel, meals, etc. for either conference.
4. Other Stewardship based conferences, seminars and/or workshops may also qualify at the same rate, upon approval of application.

Parish Stewardship Scholarships can be used for new or existing stewardship initiatives within the parish (corresponding application attached). Scholarships will provide: An amount of \$1,000 to parishes for implementing "parish stewardship" initiatives.

Stewardship Opportunities:

Parishes receiving *Stewardship Scholarships* or *Parish Stewardship Scholarships* agree to:

1. Pastor will assign or appoint a designated stewardship director or chair of a "parish stewardship committee" if they do not currently have one
2. Parish will provide the name and contact information of the parish stewardship chair to the Development & Stewardship Office
3. Parish will send at least one, "stewardship" delegate from the parish to the *2018 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Conference* at Sacred Heart – Fleming Island's Sullivan Center on October 20, 2018.

In addition to the above, parishes receiving a *Parish Stewardship Scholarship* agree to:

1. Any stewardship plan adopted or implemented must use educational and/or stewardship teaching that includes youth and young adults.



Diocese of St. Augustine
St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund Scholarship Application for

2018 Stewardship Conference Scholarship

Application must be submitted by July 31, 2018

Conference Name: _____ Date Application Submitted: _____

Parish Name: _____ Parish Pastor: _____

Delegate name(s) to attend conference:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Delegate(s) Contact information E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Primary Delegate(s) Position in parish:

Paid Stewardship Director Volunteer Stewardship Chair/or Committee Member

Pastor Other: _____

No. Registered families in Parish: _____

I have read and agree to the terms outlined in the St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund document provided.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Return by July 31, 2018

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**Diocese of St. Augustine
St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship Fund Scholarship Application for**

Parish Stewardship Initiative

Date Application Submitted: _____

Parish Name: _____ Parish Pastor: _____

Parish Stewardship Contact: _____

Stewardship Contact information- E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Stewardship Contact Position in parish:

Paid Stewardship Director Volunteer Stewardship Chair/or Committee Member

Pastor Other: _____

Brief summary of planned parish stewardship initiative: _____

No. Registered families in Parish: _____

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