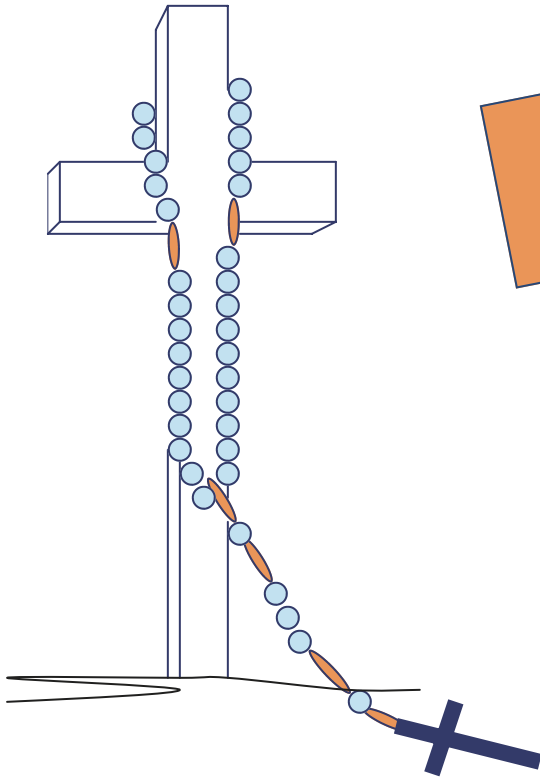


Diocese of Beaumont  
4th Annual Stewardship Conference



Joyfully

Gather  
Us In

Keynote Speaker

Reverend John C. Cusick  
Director of Young Adult Ministry  
Archdiocese of Chicago

Conferencia Principal  
Amparo Becerra  
Miembro de la Iglesia de San Pablo  
de Apóstol en Kress, Tejas.

KIDS KONFERENCE  
Music, Vietnamese dancers,  
interactive workshops,  
face-painting and fun!

Diocesan Stewardship  
Conference

Saturday, October 28, 2006

8AM to 4PM

Mass at 4PM

Family Life Center

St. Jude Parish

6825 Gladys, Beaumont

"Behold, I will bring them back from the north;  
I will gather them from the ends of the world...  
They departed in tears, but I will console them  
and guide them."  
Jeremiah 31:7-9

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Joyfully We Gather to Him!  
Diocesan Stewardship Day  
Dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary  
Saturday, October 28, 2006  
All are Welcome!

## Joyfully Gather With Us for the 2006 Diocesan Stewardship Day

Special workshops appealing to teens, young adults, newly married,  
Hispanics and kids - as well as babysitting.  
Seniors are welcome, too. Bring the grandkids to our Kids' Conference.

We'll Have Great Food  
Breakfast: Burritos prepared by the Young Adults  
of Cristo Rey Parish, Beaumont  
Lunch: Zummo-Donated Links & Hot Dogs prepared by  
Men of Jude  
And morning snacks for Kids' Conference!  
Our Treat!!!!!!

Plus, Father John Cusick of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a long list of wonderful workshops!

## Joyfully Gather Us In

*Our Conference last year, along with many of our stewardship efforts, was claimed by Hurricane Rita. Though the storm touched our parishes and our personal lives, we survived through the kindness of our friends and the grace of God. Now God is calling us to gather together as a diocese to go forward in joy. We invite you to share in our celebration as we become disciples of action, stewards of the Living God.*

	Schedule
8:00-8:30	Registration & check in for Adults & Teens at Family Life Center, Children at Culotta Hall
8:00-8:30	Adult and Teen Breakfast
8:45	Morning Prayer and Commissioning
9:00-9:15	Welcome
	Bishop Curtis Guillory
9:15-10:15	Plenary Session
	Father John Cusick
10:30-11:15	Session 1 Workshops
11:30-12:15	Session 2 Workshops
12:30-1:30	Blessing & Lunch
1:30	Special Presentation
2:00-2:45	Session 3 Workshops
3:00-3:45	Session 4 Workshops
4:00	Mass / Bishop Guillory

Thus says the Lord:  
"Shout with joy!"

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## Keynote Reverend John C. Cusick

Father John Cusick sets the theme for this year's conference as he encourages us to be inclusive in our joyful invitation to Stewardship. Father Cusick, ordained in 1970, is Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Cusick has designed and created a number of ministries including the internationally known "Theology on Tap." He is co-author of *Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry* published by Orbis Books and has been a presenter at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. Father Cusick believes the greatest challenge to Stewardship is the graying of the Catholic laity and the loss of adults under 40.

# Workshops

## Gather for Questions and Coffee 1A/10:30

Father John Cusick

You heard the plenary session, but you want more! Bring your coffee and your questions and visit with Father Cusick about adapting his ideas to our Southeast Texas lifestyle and your particular parish. Listen while Father Cusick gives you details on making this work in your backyard. This workshop is targeted to pastors and parish stewardship committees and is beneficial to anyone trying to build any parish ministry.

## Committed to a Joyful Harvest 1B/10:30 & 2B/11:30

Coni Perez

Follow the example of our neighbors to the west and watch your parish grow. Perez is Stewardship Director for St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Houston, recipient of the 2004 Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Parish Stewardship Award. Learn how this parish's 30-year commitment to stewardship is exemplified in its liturgy, worship and welcome. A "must workshop" for pastors and those who look to them for leadership.

## Trusting the Mystery The Catholic Experience in a Fundamentalist World 1C/10:30 & 2D/11:30

Monsignor Michael Jamail

As Catholics, we are a minority in Southeast Texas, called to be witness to Christians who often identify themselves as fundamentalists. How can we come to understand this position and the effects it may have had on our own belief system? Faith emerges from the complexity of our lives and thus reflects the uncertainty of human experience. Can we live and find trust with this mystery or are we tempted by the fundamentalist position of our neighbors who try to impose concreteness on what is insistently fluid? Stewardship is God's call to trust and joy. Msgr. Jamail will explore the psychology and theology of Fundamentalism. Msgr. Jamail is Vicar General for the Diocese of Beaumont and a Jungian psychologist. Seating is limited.

## We Gather at Table Our Call to Eucharist 1D/10:30 & 3D/2:00

Father J.C. Coon

Pope John Paul II called Eucharist "a project of solidarity for all of humanity." Although the Real Presence has been recognized since the days of the apostles, many of us still lack an understanding of this Gift. Listen while Father Coon explores how the Eucharist shapes our concept of the relationships that are to be present among God's people and how we should prepare ourselves for this Gift. Father Coon is parochial administrator for St. James Parish in Port Arthur.

## Animando el Espíritu de Corresponsabilidad en la Parroquia 1E/10:30

La Hermana Lupe Ramírez, MCDP

San Pablo nos enseña que la iglesia es el Cuerpo místico de Cristo, animado por el Espíritu Santo. Experimentamos esta realidad en varios niveles; la Iglesia Universal, la Diócesis y la Parroquia. En esta charla hablaremos de lo importante que es el compartir nuestros esfuerzos fomentando un espíritu corresponsable. La Hermana Ramírez fue directora del ministerio hispano de nuestra diócesis y actualmente es directora de la oficina de catequesis de la diócesis de Dallas.

# Workshops

## Tally the Talent

1F/10:30 & 2F/11:30 (2 Parts)

George Pressey

Why can't my spouse and I communicate? Why can't we get things done at church? This two-part workshop will help you understand yourself and others. Based on the DiSC Personal Profile System, this workshop will help you discover your behavioral profile and identify the environment most conducive to your success. These sessions will be targeted to married couples and those involved on parish work teams. Bring your spouse or a fellow parishioner. Pressey has been trained in teaching DiSC. He is Superintendent of Catholic Schools. (Limited to 30. You must register for both parts.)

## Stewarding Your Budget

2A/11:30 & 4A/3:00

Virginia Peoples

Whether your net income is six figures or the bottom line is red, this workshop will help you establish a Christian approach to family finance. If credit card living, heated discussions and consumerism are draining the joy from your way of life, this workshop may return it. These sessions will be equally helpful for longtime married couples or young single adults starting out on their own. Peoples believes if our first fruits are given to God, the rest of our budget falls into place. Peoples is Development Director for Eagle Academies of Texas and a member of Our Mother of Mercy Parish in Beaumont.

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## Our Journey

### A Story of Commitment

2C/11:30 & 3C/2:00 Amparo Becerra

Has your Stewardship Committee become discouraged because things aren't changing fast enough at your parish? Are you concerned that your parish is too small to make Stewardship happen? Do you believe your parish is too remote to be able to access diocesan resources? Come listen to Becerra tell her parish's story and be encouraged. Becerra is a member of St. Paul the Apostle in Kress, Texas. This predominately Hispanic parish of only 35 families has a six-year-old church that is debt free. Becerra says that's because at St. Paul Parish prayer and family are priorities for every member.

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## Testimonio de vida Corresponsable

2E/11:30

Diacono José Ángel Vitela, OSF

"Las palabras se las lleva el viento," dice una famoso dicho. San Francisco decía que debemos de predicar el Evangelio y que si tenemos que utilizar palabra que lo hagamos como ultimo recurso. En esta charla tenderemos la oportunidad de escuchar diferentes aspectos de una persona que dedica el 100% de su tiempo al servicio de Dios. Diacono Vitela es un capellán que trabaja con personas que están privadas de su libertad.

# Workshops

## Building a Joyful Parish, A Call To Ministry

3A/2:00 Forum

### Our Leaders Speak

You've listened to the experts. You've read the books. But what really works in the Diocese of Beaumont? Why not talk to the people who are making it happen here? Leaders from several of our parishes will share their successes (and perhaps their blunders) in attempting to involve their members in the programs and ministries of their parishes. This workshop will definitely give you new ideas. Each person will speak briefly from his/her experience and then you will have a chance to add to the conversation. We're hoping to learn from you, too. Inviting you to share will be Mary Franco and Jerry Morgan from St. Joseph, Livingston; George Wood from St. Anne, Beaumont; Philip Chauvin from St. Peter the Apostle, Groves; Joni and Chet Garner from St. Catherine of Siena, Port Arthur; and Father Dan Malain from St. Charles Borromeo, Nederland.

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## Creating the Invitation

3B/2:00

### Letty Lanza/Karen Gilman

If the times are really changing, then perhaps your parish's communication methods need to change with the times. The parish bulletin is only useful if your parishioner is at Mass that weekend and then reads it. This workshop will help you think "outside the box." Is your parish utilizing the East Texas Catholic, direct mail and the web page? With most Southeast Texans signed on to the internet for hours each day, a parish web page is becoming an invaluable tool. This workshop will give you tips on web pages and other ideas on "marketing" your parish. Join Karen Gilman, Associate Director of Communications, and Letty Lanza, Director of Stewardship and Communications, for 45 minutes of new ideas!

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## Un Modelo de Corresponsabilidad

3E/2:00 & 4E/3:00

### Miembros de la sociedad de San Vicente De Paúl

En este taller aprenderá como funciona una de las organizaciones católicas que dedica su tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar al mas necesitado. Los miembros de la sociedad de San Vicente de la parroquia de Cristo Rey le ayudarán a entender como este organismo funciona, al mismo tiempo compartirán sus logros y también sus planes. Además el señor Ramón Ordoñez, miembro fundador, les hablara de cómo podemos ser agentes "puente" en la pastoral. Al termino del taller las personas sabrán como organizarse en su propia parroquia con un organismo como este o bien algo semejante.

# Workshops

## Tally the Talent

3F/2:00 & 4F/3:00 (2 Parts)

George Pressey

Pressey repeats his morning workshops. All are welcome, but seating is limited to 30 individuals. Although material will be the same, Pressey will target this session to teenagers and young adults. Based on the DiSC Personal Profile, the workshop will help you discover your behavioral profile and identify the environment most conducive to success. Once again, this is a great workshop to attend with a friend or fellow parishioner. You must register for both parts since scoring will be completed in the second part. Pressey is Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

## Gather the Parish

4B/3:00

Coni Perez

Our special guest presenter Perez returns for the afternoon crowd with all new material. This time Perez focuses on gathering in all levels of the parish family, from toddlers to seniors, through Stewardship education. Perez will also touch on the parish's renewal and recruitment methods. Be sure at least one person on your Stewardship Committee attends this valuable workshop and takes lots of notes! Perez is Stewardship Director for the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist in Houston.

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## Gather Them Through Witness

4C/3:00

Pat McGinnis

God often gathers us to Him through the witness and stories of our brothers and sisters. Hear Beaumont attorney McGinnis tell his own experience of tithing in the face of adversity. Listen while he talks of his struggles to share his gifts of time and talent. If you've ever wondered how you can tithe while being buried under a mountain of debt, you'll want to attend this workshop. McGinnis is a member of the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

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## Becoming and Creating Cheerful Givers

4D/3:00

Letty Lanza

Everyone is telling you that Stewardship is a journey, but you're wondering where to jump on the train. If you're feeling like you and your parish have been left at the station, this workshop is for you. Find out how to plan for and energize a stewardship movement, create a time line and increase parish giving. You will discover methods for discerning the special gifts of your parish and ways to develop a parish Dream Team. This workshop focuses on treasure as well as talent. Lanza is Director of Stewardship and Communications for the Diocese of Beaumont.

# Conferencia Principal

Amparo Becerra  
Miembro de la iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol  
en Kress, Texas (Diócesis de Amarillo)  
(9:15)

Amparo Becerra es miembro de una parroquia en la que los hispanos son el 99%. Hace cinco años construyeron un nuevo santuario, el cual se pago incluso antes de que el edificio estuviese terminado. Becerra nos dará ideas de como lograr que mas personas en nuestra parroquia adopten el sentido de "familias corresponsables" para beneficio de la comunidad entera. Esto es posible y la parroquia de ella es un ejemplo vivo.

Habrà Guarderìa para los niños  
menores de 3 años.

Hemos diseñado talleres para los niños  
de 4-12 años. De esta manera mientras  
los papas aprenden los niños también  
aprenden y se divierten.

## Kids' Konference

This year's Stewardship Conference includes a track of workshops for children ages 4 to 12. Our day begins with face painting, music and snacks. Kids will learn more about Stewardship through dance and song with Kiera Matthews and Lynn Stacy from Our Lady of the Pines, Woodville. Following lunch, the younger crowd (4-6) will learn about stewarding God's world by seeding flower pots. Youngsters will have a chance to learn about other cultures when the kids from St. Joseph Parish in Beaumont teach them Vietnamese dances. Older kids (7-12) will spend the afternoon making their own rosaries. They'll also discover how to be good stewards in their parish by being altar servers. Bishop Curtis Guillory will pay a visit to the Kids' Konference to explain the special duties of a Bishop and the meaning of a Jubilee Year to the older crowd. Kids can register for the Kids' Konference as long as Mom and Dad or another grown-up is attending the conference.

# Joyfully Gather Us In

Register by October 20, 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Stewardship Office reserves the right to close workshops because of seating capacity. No registration fee. However, in the spirit of stewardship, we will be happy to accept any donation.

## 10:30

- \_\_\_ 1/A Questions & Coffee – Cusick
- \_\_\_ 1/B Joyful Harvest – Perez
- \_\_\_ 1/C Trusting the Mystery – Jamail
- \_\_\_ 1/D We Gather at Table – Coon
- \_\_\_ 1/E Animado – Ramirez
- \_\_\_ 1/F Tally the Talent 1 – Pressey

## 2:00

- \_\_\_ 3/A Joyful Parish – Panel
- \_\_\_ 3/B The Invitation – Lanza & Gilman
- \_\_\_ 3/C Our Journey – Becerra
- \_\_\_ 3/D We Gather at Table – Coon
- \_\_\_ 3/E Un Modelo – San Vicente De Paúl
- \_\_\_ 3/F Tally the Talent 1 – Pressey

## 11:30

- \_\_\_ 2/A Your Budget – Peoples
- \_\_\_ 2/B Joyful Harvest – Perez
- \_\_\_ 2/C Our Journey – Becerra
- \_\_\_ 2/D Trusting the Mystery – Jamail
- \_\_\_ 2/E Testimonio – Vitela
- \_\_\_ 2/F Tally the Talent 2 – Pressey

## 3:00

- \_\_\_ 4/A Your Budget – Peoples
- \_\_\_ 4/B Gather the Parish – Perez
- \_\_\_ 4/C Witness – McGinnis
- \_\_\_ 4/D Cheerful Givers – Lanza
- \_\_\_ 4/E Un Modelo – San Vicente De Paúl
- \_\_\_ 4/F Tally the Talent 2 – Pressey

## Kids' Konference — Children's Stewardship Registration

I am registering my child(ren) for the day-long conference. I understand children must be at least 4 years old and no older than 12 to attend children's workshops. I also understand I must be attending the conference and be available on the premises for my children to attend their workshops.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Babysitting

Babysitting will be provided for children under the age of 4. Parents must supply diapers, bottles, food and schedules for children attending babysitting. Parents must be on the premises for the entire day. No charge for babysitting, but donations will be accepted.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Stewardship and Communications Office  
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Beaumont, Texas 77704-3948

Fax registration to 409.838.4511  
Register online at [www.dioceseofbmt.org](http://www.dioceseofbmt.org)

# Reúnenos Alegrementemente

Regístrese antes del 20 de octubre 2006

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Parroquia \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_

Código Postal \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

**No cobramos por asistir. Sin embargo, en el espíritu de corresponsabilidad, aceptaremos cualquier donación.**

\_\_\_ 9:15 Conferencia Principal – Amparo Becerra

\_\_\_ 10:30 1/E Animado – Ramírez

\_\_\_ 11:30 2/E Testimonio – Vitela

\_\_\_ 2:00 3/E Un Modelo – San Vicente de Paúl

\_\_\_ 3:00 4/E Un Modelo – San Vicente de Paúl

## Formulario para Registrarse en Corresponsabilidad de Niños

Estoy registrando mis niños para la conferencia. Entiendo que el niño tiene que tener mínimo 4 años de edad y no tener mas de 12 años para asistir a los talleres infantiles. También entiendo que yo tendré que participar en la conferencia y estar presente para que mis niños puedan participar en los talleres.

Nombre del niño(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Edad \_\_\_\_\_ Alergias \_\_\_\_\_

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## Guardería

Habrá guardería para los niños menores de 4 años. Los padres tienen que traer pañales biberones, comida y horarios de comer para los niños que se quedaran en la guardería. Los padres tienen que estar presentes el día entero. No cobraremos por cuidar a sus niños, pero si aceptamos donaciones.

Nombre del niño(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Edad \_\_\_\_\_ Alergias \_\_\_\_\_

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Nombre de padres \_\_\_\_\_

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