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Stewardship Day to be held May 11

GREEN BAY, Wis. (April 20, 2017) – The Diocese of Green Bay will host Diocesan Stewardship Day on May 11, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, De Pere.

“Once we profess to be a disciple of Jesus, gratitude and generosity should fill our lives! We become ‘everyday stewards’ and others should recognize that Jesus is at the center of our all our decisions. In essence, we live our discipleship,” said Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship and Special Projects Director for the Diocese of Green Bay. “Stewardship parishes focus on hospitality and help all ages to make the connections between their love for Jesus and living generously.”

Bishop David L. Ricken will celebrate the opening Mass, which will be followed by fellowship, a keynote, workshops, lunch, and an opportunity to network with other parishes on the stewardship journey.

Tracy Welliver, Director of Parish Community and Engagement for Liturgical Publications, Inc., will present the keynote “Everyday Stewardship.” Welliver will use practical examples and inspiring insights to show how Jesus calls us every day to lives of stewardship and discipleship. For 22 years Tracy was a pastoral associate at St. Pius X Parish in Greensboro, NC. In 2009, St. Pius won the International Catholic Stewardship Council's Archbishop Murphy Award for excellence in stewardship. He has spoken on stewardship, engagement, and catechesis throughout North America, Australia, and New Zealand.

Other sessions will include: ALPHA: A Parish's Testimony; Amazing Parish: Setting Goals-Reaping Success; Generosity and Young Adults; Using a Parish App; Generous Sharing: Why and How Successful Parishes Talk about Money; Hospitality and Stewardship; Stewards of the Message: Homilies that Matter. And in a new school track: Volunteers: A Gold Mine of Gifts, and Encouraging Families to Serve.

This event is for those just beginning their stewardship journey, as well as those with more experience, including pastors, pastoral leaders, deacons, parish staffs, secretaries, administrative assistants, councils, and committee members.

The cost to attend is \$30 by April 27 or \$35 from April 28 to May 5. Registration ends on May 5. Please visit www.gbdioc.org/stewardshipday for more information, promotional materials, and to register. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Otto at 877-500-3580 ext. 8301, 920-272-8301, or motto@gbdioc.org.

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Who we are: As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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