

Lay Witness Talks

One of the most effective methods of stewardship communication, formation and conversion is that of providing for and scheduling stewardship lay witness presentations.

A lay witness presentation is that given by an individual, couple, family, youth or young adult testifying to the impact that stewardship as a way of life has had on their lives, that of their family and perhaps their parish.

Witness presentations can be given at any time during the year. Typically these presentations are most effective when given during the parish's annual stewardship renewal process.

Individuals chosen to give witness presentations are those who are typically known for their example, commitment to and active practice of their faith.

Lay witness presentations are most effective when the presenters are truly speaking from the heart, reflecting their personal experience and conversion. The formality and style of presentation will be overshadowed by the sincerity of the presentation.

There are a variety of basic elements to be included in the presentation:

- Individuals known for their personal involvement**
- Lay witnesses testifying of their personal conversion to stewardship as a way of life**
- Speakers that invite others to become good stewards**

The parish stewardship council should, under the direction of the pastor, assist in the selection and training of witness presenters.