

Spirituality of Stewardship

Stewardship of the Earth

Article posted in the 5/31/09 bulletin:

Thanks to our Volunteer gardeners, Connie Garcia and Manuel Tunchez..and to Will, our grounds staff member, Sacred Heart Church won THIRD PLACE in the Church Category; Sacred Heart School won FIRST PLACE in the School category. The Rockport in Bloom contest was sponsored by the City of Rockport and Keep Rockport Beautiful Committee...Let us continue our Spirituality of Stewardship by being good Stewards of the Earth. If you would like to share your talent for gardening, please contact Connie Garcia @ 729-5177. Thank you to those who have volunteered already.

Article posted in the 7/19/09 bulletin:

Newly Formed Gardening Group—

If you have some free time and would like to help beautify the Parish grounds, please join our new garden group that has formed as a part of our participation in “Stewardship of the Earth,” this past April. Members are involved in planting, watering, weeding and fertilizing the landscape surrounding our many church facilities. Thank you to those who have already been taking time to help out by volunteering...Melissa Bustillos, Gracie Cantu, Janie Eichstadt, Connie Garcia, Gracie Garcia, Barbara Morikawa, Patsy Shaw, Gilbert Tamez & Manuel Tunchez.

If you can help please contact Connie Garcia,

729-5177 or Sister Jude, 729-9135.

Article posted in the May 2009 Newsletter:

SHC and Youth Celebrate Earth Day with Stewardship

Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School are involved in a variety of activities to celebrate Earth Day by becoming good Stewards of the Earth. The CCD/Edge Program designated April 19th by cleaning up the grounds around the church and school. They emphasized the importance of taking care of the earth and that it is their responsibility as good Stewards of the Earth to do so.

Ongoing activities at Sacred Heart School include actively participating in the conservation of energy and recycling. The school has upgraded light fixtures with energy efficient ballasts and teachers manage efficient temperature control of their classrooms by turning down the thermostats while not in use. They recycle ink cartridges and aluminum cans in addition to reusing textbooks, workbooks and paper whenever possible.

The students are learning more about Stewardship of the Earth through education programs at the school. Science classes and the Science Club teach energy conservation methods to the students. Parents learn more about recycling through information sent home, and with the Campbell's Soup and Box Tops for Education programs.

Sacred Heart School children and Sacred Heart Church's youth programs strive to take care of God's gift, the Earth, and all of its natural resources, through conservation, recycling and awareness education.

In addition to participating in Stewardship of the Earth, a special collections being taken up in the Diocese of Corpus Christi and in our parish this month, in honor of the retired priests who have devoted their lives to ministering to the people of Rockport and surrounding areas. The Diocesan Retired Priests Pension Fund was established to provide a modest, monthly pension and benefits to retired priests/ such as Fr. Charles Doeherty, retired and formerly at Our Lady of Assumption in Ingleside, as well as Fr. James Hamilton, retired and formerly of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Ingleside.