



Bishop of Harrisburg

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Mr. Jerome B. Kearns
Executive Director
Our Sunday Visitor Institute
200 Noll Plaza
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Dear Mr. Kearns,

By this letter permit me to commend the work of the organization, *Stewardship: A Mission of Faith*, within the Diocese of Harrisburg. Founded by Catholic business leaders with experience in the for-profit world of commercial business, this not-for-profit organization is a testimony of faith in God and in the work of divine providence.

I am aware that *Stewardship: A Mission of Faith* has applied for a grant from the Our Sunday Visitor Institute. I assure you that the persons and resources of *Stewardship: A Mission of Faith* have already been of great benefit to many parishes within this diocese and others, and as the Diocese of Harrisburg prepares to implement a broader vision of stewardship across the diocese, we plan to utilize the work and materials of this organization as a set of model tools for parishes, schools, and other institutions.

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith has been tied in with our Diocesan Stewardship Council since its founding by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and I have asked the Diocesan Stewardship Council to adopt this organization's excellent resources as a model set of tools offered to parishes and schools across our diocese.

The Diocese of Harrisburg views *Stewardship: A Mission of Faith* as a strategic partner in bringing the evangelical message of stewardship to the Catholic faithful in South Central Pennsylvania, and indeed prays that their influence, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will continue to expand in many other parts of the Church.

Sincerely yours in Jesus,

Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden
Bishop of Harrisburg