



Crown Financial Ministries  
Catholic Initiative Newsletter  
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As Evelyn and I have tried to assume the reins from Don Tauscher this summer we have neglected to keep you informed of the many things that have been happening in the ministry and the steps that have been accomplished in furthering the increased participation of Crown in the Catholic Church. Beginning with this newsletter we hope to initiate regular communications to let you know how this ministry is progressing.

The most significant happening occurred on September 1, 2007 when after two years of prayerful consideration by Crown Financial Ministries Co-Founder and CEO Howard Dayton for his successor, followed by a recent intense review process, Crown's board of directors unanimously appointed Chuck Bentley as the ministry's new CEO effective September 1, 2007. Howard will continue to serve Crown in a strategic role as Chuck assumes full responsibility for the operations of the ministry and its global expansion. Chuck first experienced Crown's teaching in 2000 as a successful business owner in Dallas, Texas, and the direction of his life was entirely changed. His dynamic leadership and God-given creativity made a tremendous impact on Crown as he served throughout the ministry as an Area Director, State Director, VP of U.S. Field, and then as SVP of the Global Impact Group. Chuck is passionate about people of all economic strata worldwide learning God's way of handling money. For more about Chuck Bentley and to read the official announcement see: <http://www.crown.org/News/>

Within the Catholic Initiative we have also had several great happenings. The first and probably most important was that the Catholic Supplement To The Biblical Financial Study of Crown Financial Ministries (Catholic Supplement for short) received copyright permission from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and received an Imprimatur from the Bishop of Orlando in June. We hope that these two "stamps of approval" will open a watershed of activity within the Catholic Church where Crown has previously been met with reluctance. Upon reading the Catholic Supplement, several churches have welcomed Crown as part of their teaching program. Cardinal O'Brian of Scotland has welcomed Crown into all of the Catholic Churches in Scotland after seeing a copy of the Supplement.

To assist in the distribution of the Catholic Supplement, along with providing a web resource site for Crown students and leaders, we initiated a web site dedicated to promoting Crown in the Catholic Church. In addition to being a home for the Supplement, the site; [www.crowncatholic.org](http://www.crowncatholic.org) contains listings of local Catholic Contacts, basic information on Crown and a Resources page that provides links to many Catholic websites, Church documents, and even good books to read. Please take a look at the site AND the Catholic Supplement!

Although Don Tauscher turned the reins over to us, he didn't retire! He is very actively pursuing the implementation of Crown's youth programs in the Catholic schools in the US, with a major emphasis on the 200+ schools in the state of Florida. Don and his wife Jeanne attended the National Catholic Educators Association (NCEA) Annual Convention in Baltimore to promote Crown programs for youth in our schools.

Don has also been involved in handling email inquiries that come into Crown from Catholics located outside the USA. Don has active inquiries from the UK, Philippines, Canada, and in a mid-Eastern country, where Crown is actually being taught in an orphanage.

During the summer, Evelyn and I had the opportunity to be interviewed on Sirius Radio's The Catholic Channel where we talked about Crown and the Supplement and the potential effect that Crown has had and can have on local church communities. Shortly after our interview on Sirius Radio two of our Catholic Leaders in South Florida, Lee Menedez and Eva Cordova were interviewed on Radio Paz, a Hispanic radio station that is sponsored by the Diocese of Miami. Lee and Eva were able to discuss the success of Crown in the Hispanic communities and invite increased participation in South Florida.

At the end of September, The Florida Catholic Newspaper is launching a new website that is targeted at the 18-35 age group. In conducting interviews and focus groups to determine interests of this age group, one of the surprising issues that surfaced was the strong desire of this group to be more Godly in dealing with their finances. To address this issue, Evelyn and I will begin a bi-weekly article answering questions that are received by the website and a monthly series of articles on using God's principles in dealing with finances.

As you can see, there has been quite a bit happening within the Crown Catholic Initiative this summer! We hope that you too have been influencing others with Crown's message. Not only can you influence others and have a positive impact on their lives through your words and testimonies, but many others are watching closely to make sure that you are also walking the walk. Remember, "Everything in the heavens and the earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you a being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might and it is at your discretion that men (and women) are made great and given strength." 1 Chr 29:11-12

We are all called to be good stewards of what God has provided to us. This certainly applies to our regular spending, but it also applies to our giving. With so many needs in our world, it is important to be wise in our giving decisions. As you consider how God might be calling you to give, please consider Crown's Catholic Initiative. Through the application of God's principles as we learned them in our Crown Small Group Class twenty years ago, and through God's generous blessings, Evelyn and I have been able to leave our secular jobs to volunteer on a full time basis for the Catholic Initiative, serving without salary. We do incur ministry expenses, the largest being that of travel as we work to promote Crown throughout the USA. Your consideration of the Catholic Initiative will assist us in promoting Crown in the Catholic Church in the USA. Please only consider giving to Crown if you are already supporting your local church, and if the gift to Crown will not impact your support of the local church.

Please continue to pray for Crown Financial Ministries, for Chuck Bentley as he assumes the role of CEO, and for the Catholic Initiative.

His Servants,