

Minutes of the May 5, 2011 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Fr. Michael Bova Conti, Deacon John, Donna Biggins, Ted Vander Els, Jim McCarthy

Parish Registration Update: As of the end of April, almost 800 registration forms had been returned with updated data (~1,500 mailings had been sent out on Feb 12 and Mar 10). Email addresses have been updated on the parish email database. We decided that the next step should be to do a postcard mailing to the non-responders, with a brief explanation that we need to update our parishioner registration information. Explain that if the person prefers to register on-line, he/she can click on the Contact Us link on the parish website and register there. Explain that our next phase will be to phone the non-responders.

Parish Electronic Newsletter: The second edition of the E-Newsletter was reviewed and approved at our May 5 meeting, and was then published the next day, May 6, via Constant Contact. Of the 557 emails sent, 50% were opened. Initial indications are that the Comcast vs Constant Contact technical issue we had appears to have been resolved.

June 22 Combined Meeting (PPC, Finance, Stewardship): The Wed, Jun 22, meeting will begin with a social gathering/light meal (5:30 – 6:30pm), then meeting from 6:30 – 9:00pm. Possible topics include:

- Outreach to Rel Ed families not participating at Sunday Mass
- Pastoral Planning (lay staffing needs)
- Outreach to non practicing Catholics (non Rel Ed families)
- Assessment/audit of Strengths/Weakness of present Parish system (Our Lady of Fatima)
- Priorities for next 3 years
- Financial Support for the Parish to accomplish mission (parish needs/archdiocesan support)

All Commission members are asked to participate, if possible, in the June 22 combined meeting. There will be a small pre-planning meeting on Thursday, May 26. Jim McCarthy will represent the Stewardship Commission at that May 26 meeting.

Breaking Bread & Welcoming Updates: The feasibility of a summer barbeque larger gathering will be considered.

Next Monthly Stewardship Commission Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7:30pm.