

## Minutes of the May 10, 2007 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Deacon John Nicholson, Fr. Michael Bova Conti, Elisa Riedl, Bert Sellier, Mark Nevils, Jim McCarthy

**Ministry Directory:** Although we made significant progress during April, there are still a few ministries which still need to be updated: Alpha Program, Catechists, Scripture Study, Respect Life Committee, Parish Nursing, Christmas Giving Tree, Volunteer Office Help, Christ Alive, Red Cross Blood Drive, STOP Program, Boy Scouts. If any commission members have done updates on those ministries, please forward them to Deacon John.

- ❖ Deacon John to e-mail a draft of the Directory as Sherry Hutchins currently has it.
- ❖ Commission members agreed to get closure on these remaining ministries and have a dedicated meeting on Monday, May 21, to review the draft of the Ministry Directory for format and content accuracy and consistency

Ministry Directory Format: The Directory will list the ministries by grouping in the following sequence:

1. Liturgy
2. Faith Formation
3. Social Outreach
4. Guidance
5. Affiliated

The individual ministries will be listed alphabetically within these groupings.

Given the current timeframe, and the missing content, the Commission feels that the Ministry Directory content should be finalized during May/June, then published in Sept, in conjunction with a call for ministry involvement for the new school year.

The Talent – Ministry Matrix will be updated as the list of ministries is finalized, and the intent is that this matrix will be included within the Directory itself. The Gifts Discernment Guide would be a separate booklet supplementing the Directory.

**Stewardship Treasure Component (continued from March 29, 2007 meeting discussion):**  
Continuation of discussion of Charles Zech's seven key recommendations to increase contributions, in his book "Why Catholics Don't Give.....And What Can be Done About It".

- 7) Remind parishioners that contributing through estate planning is good stewardship**  
The Commission members agreed that periodic reminders for parishioners to consider bequests to the parish in their estate planning and wills is appropriate. Contributing to the parish is not only good stewardship, but it also may provide good tax savings as well.

The commission also confirmed the importance of implementing EFT (electronic fund transfers) as a pledging methodology. Fr. Bova Conti has already included two notices in the weekly bulletin that this is being considered. An EFT program would be mutually

beneficial: many parishioners would welcome the opportunity to simplify their monthly contributions to the parish, and the parish would implement a more efficient method of accepting contributions.

**Next Stewardship Commission Meetings:**

Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:30pm Review Ministry Directory

Wednesday, June 14, 2007 at 7:30pm June Commission meeting