

Minutes of the September 4, 2008 Stewardship Commission Meeting

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

Stewardship Resources:

Commission members are encouraged to read “Stewardship, a Disciple’s Response”
<http://www.usccb.org/stewardship/disciplesresponse.pdf> (caution – it is 82-pages)

Several of us read Charles Zech’s book “Why Catholics Don’t Give..... and What Can be Done About It” and found it informative. Zech is publishing a new book Sep 15 “Best Practices in Parish Stewardship.” We should consider reading this new book.

New Commission Members: We would like to add 2 - 4 new members:

- ❖ Deacon John to contact Ted Vander Els and Donna Biggins
- ❖ Mark to contact Jennifer Sneath
- ❖ Jim to contact Eileen Centauro
- ❖ All Commission members are asked to think of additional parishioners who may be interested in joining the commission

Plans for This Year:

- ❖ Put together a stewardship calendar.
- ❖ Consider scheduling one or two ministries to be a focus at monthly Hospitality Sundays., and consider expanding this to include the monthly Saturday evening Souper Supper gatherings.
- ❖ Deacon John to email all ministry leaders telling them that, in lieu of a 2009 Ministry Fair, we want to feature one or two ministries at Hospitality Sundays. Ministries are encouraged to re-utilize their 2008 Ministry Fair exhibits.
- ❖ Mission Honduras 2008 trip will be featured at the Nov 2 Hospitality Sunday; maybe the Fatima Youth Ministry could be featured at the same time.
- ❖ Consider the possibility of implementing the “Bring a Friend to Church!” program. The Youth group is considering it. Also consider implementing the program as part of Hospitality Sunday.
- ❖ Focus more on the Treasure component of stewardship this year. Explore ways in which our stewardship programs could result in increased offertory contributions.
- ❖ Try to set goals and metrics to measure year-to-year Stewardship progress. (Zech’s two books may be good reference sources)

Volunteer Cards:

- ❖ Review and update the volunteer cards we distributed for the 2008 Ministry Fair
- ❖ Print new cards, make them available in the pews and in new parishioner welcoming kits.

Next Monthly Stewardship Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:30pm