

**CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, January 12, 2017
STEWARDSHIP MEETING**

Introduction - Maria Thorsen - thanks for Maggie Keenan & Kim Kremer for spearheading program: Today's process will hopefully allow us to re-group!

Life as a Christian Steward: Pray, Serve, Engage, Share

- This program intended to engage all those who enter the doors of cathedral.
- Following example of Green Bay/Milwaukee model
- First in the Diocese to try this

Steps to enact stewardship program:

- Small groups (new and old)
- Element of stewardship in existing ministries
- To reach out to the parish at large

To those in existing ministries:

- Provided with a compilation of prayers and reflections, to be used for example, each time the group meets
- Prayers and reflections end with actions

How do we engage the parish at large?

- Reflections will be published in bulletin
- Advocate talks about prayer and service

Q&A

Impact on budget?

- 'Share' component in October with a specific 'ask' to the parishioners
- Maggie - offertory program - not a set goal, but focuses on asking individuals to take the next small step

When do we start? How do we get materials?

- Starting now!
- Automatic distribution of materials underway

What do we, parish council members, do here tonight?

- Look at/take materials to employ in existing ministries
- Do no need to necessarily form new committees, but simply introduce elements of the
- stewardship program

Will small group members be lost in the six week program if they miss a group?

-No!

How can you build interest for small groups?

-Big events that are social, so invitations can be extended

Is the program something to be done with a family: kids and adults?

-Tweak/make more activity based for family and kids

Additional Comments:

*This program has been sought out in order to create a more systematic approach to stewardship; considered an outside consulting group, but model didn't seem right - therefore partnered with diocese

*A lifetime program

*Pay attention to what we already have at Cathedral - get involved, introduce stewardship component

*For small groups - this will interrupt your normal process - small groups process is a six week program