

Put our bulletin in the Weekly Advertiser
Collect parishioners e-mail addresses and publish an e-mail newsletter with useful information about upcoming events, etc
Offer informational parenting meetings

C-3 How can we invite and encourage young adults to participate in the parish and form a young adult program?

Strategic Solutions:

Implementation Team of the Rock Cycle will invite young adults to get together and have a spiritual director to guide them along the way with their programs.

Community Forum Solutions:

Have a year-round greenhouse (legal) for teens to tend
Have an adult teach a craft, e.g. woodworking, stringing a guitar, etc
Have the kids show the adults how to make a video, use a digital camera etc
Have children pass the collection basket during Mass
Have video games, music, movies and space to use for teens/ young adults; bands could practice there
Start a program where 6th, 7th, and 8th graders can be lectors and cantors at Mass
Develop a program to keep new parents involved in the Church after they have their children baptized
Ask teens to teach older adults the newest and latest technology in computers, cell phones, etc
“Theology on Tap”; look into other parishes
Develop several educational offerings and social opportunities for 20 and 30 “somethings”

C-4 How can we create opportunities for engaged and married couples to strengthen their faith and their relationships with each other and God?

Strategic Solutions:

Identify couples as coordinators to bring programs to the parish such as Marriage Encounter, Engaged Encounter, Focus for Engaged Couples, Ten Great Dates, Retrouvaille, Pre-Cana, Natural Family Planning, Theology of the Body activities and other appropriate programs

Community Forum Solutions:

Marriage Enrichment groups
Start a Marriage Encounter Group, (10 Great Dates), led by John and Megan Deichl
Small group preparation for marriage
Marriage Encounter weekend

C-5 How can we get more people involved with the current programs?

Strategic Solutions:

Investigate the current programs, advertise these programs and coordinate with the communication team in personally inviting people to participate

Community Forum Solutions:

Develop marketing and public relations strategies; conduct Ministry Sunday at least once a year
A personal follow-up after new parishioners register
Provide a “needs list” to all new parishioners in their packet

Revisit the format of the bulletin; too much information
More publicity about available programs and ministries
Communicate with parishioners about parish and ministry events with a weekly or monthly meeting
Personal invitation
Free food and baby-sitting
Personally invite
Feeder group activities
Direct programs to specific age groups

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM “D”:
STEWARDSHIP & OUTREACH

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Stewardship and Outreach Planning Team is to create a plan that will encourage registered, inactive and fallen-away Catholics to return to the Church by personal contact and corporal works of mercy to all our parishioners and the community.

Challenges

D-1 How can we provide services to the needy, both in and out of our parish, and let them know of available help?

Strategic Solutions:

Create a ministry that manages the volunteer pool of time and talents
Through this new ministry, all calls/requests will be routed to the head of the appropriate ministry
Create a ministry that will lead the development of a Parish Directory that will make it easier for parishioners to contact one another. (Could possibly sell advertisements and make it a fund-raising activity).

Community Forum Solutions:

Volunteer to help at Open Arms Mission
Establish a telephone Hot Line
Continue or expand “Pasta at Pete’s”
Establish or create a list/directory of community resources
Rebuild our relationship with the food pantry
Homebound and outreach (plea from website and newsletter)
Need a coordinator to start the program
Develop a service group to address the needs; if already established, need to communicate more
Ask for help from the pulpit on a regular basis
Contact other parishes as to how they provide
Sponsor PADS site or soup kitchen

D-2 How can we connect St. Peter’s parishioners with already established community/Christian programs?

Strategic Solutions:

Create a ministry that gathers all current community programs
Determine which of these programs could be adopted by this outreach ministry
Create a questionnaire for parishioners that will help determine what their needs/interests are; then match the parishioners with the programs
Examples: Soup Kitchens, Homeless Shelters, Job Centers, Senior Centers, Catholic Charities, etc.