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Introducing the Parish Pastoral Council April 29, 2012

The following 8 slides are excerpted directly from the book: One Body, One Mission.

This book is the Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, implemented by Bishop David A. Zubik on June 6, 2010.

One Body, One Mission

One God, One Community of Faith, One Mission In Christ

This leadership body is charged with studying the total picture of parish life, and in consultation with the pastor, makes recommendations to enhance the life and growth of the parish community.

Purpose of the Pastoral Council

Ordained ministers are not alone in carrying out the Mission of Christ. Laity are called to offer pastoral and experiential wisdom toward the greater good of the life of a parish.

Role of the Laity

The Church has provided pastors with a leadership body, a pastoral council to work with him in discerning the pastoral needs of the parish.

The Pastoral Council

A parish pastoral council, along with the pastor, researches, reflects, and recommends a vision for the continued quality of the pastoral life of the parish.

What the Council Does

The research stage of pastoral planning cannot be overlooked. There are tools available to support and analyze this data.

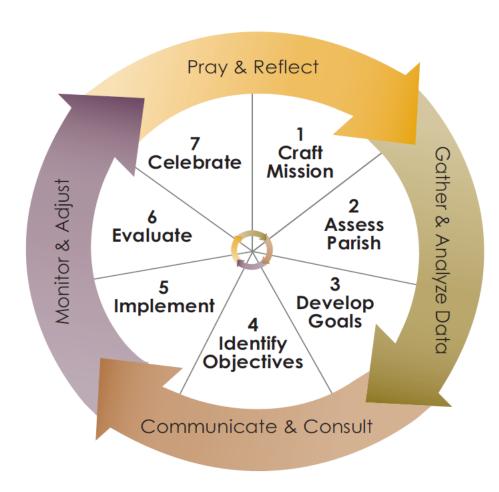
Research

Every year the parish pastoral council crafts and presents a pastoral plan in response to the needs of the parishioners.

Planning

Pastoral councils should be healers and reconcilers amidst the challenging and changing modes of parish life.

Guidance



Going Forward ...

The Five Essential Qualities of Parish Life



The convergence point of all elements of parish life, the source and summit of the parish's expression of its life in Christ as the Body of Christ.

Eucharist

The element which teaches, explains, and informs parishioners of all ages in the Scriptures and Tradition of the church.

Catechesis

- Teaching, explaining, and informing all ages about the Scriptures and Tradition of the Catholic Church
- Parish religious education for all ages
 - Children, adolescence, and adults
 - From womb to tomb
- Not only CCD or Catholic schools

What is Catechesis?

- From the Greek word meaning "to echo the teaching"
- Life-long process of initial conversion, formation, education, and on-going conversion
- Through word, worship, service and community, it seeks to lead all God's people to an ever deepening relationship with God who reveals himself in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit

Catechesis

The element which encompasses prayer of thanksgiving for the many gifts of God and the sharing of those gifts through acts of service.

Stewardship

What is a Steward?

One in charge of household affairs of a large estate, club, hotel, or resort.

In this case a church.

This describes a parish rooted in prayer, sharing and service.

Stewardship

To be a servant means to think first of Christ and others, and second of ourselves. A lively parish has to be a center of outreach to the community, a place of prayer, invites sharing each and every one of our talents and resources and excites service.

Stewardship (cont.)

The element which promotes a lived faith which is bold, courageous and effective.

Formation

- 1. There is a good spirit of working together among parish groups and organizations.
- 2. The parish collaborates with neighboring parishes as appropriate to enhance the mission of the Church.

Formation - Examples

- 3. The parish focuses on the needs of the human community, beginning with its own members and extending to the poor and marginalized in the local area, the nation, and the world.
- 4. The parish makes every effort to accommodate persons with special needs.

Formation - Examples

- 5. Programs which minister to the sick, the bereaved and the homebound are ongoing.
- 6. Racial and ethnic harmony, peacemaking and non-violence, respect for life at all stages, and the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy are priority areas for study and action in the parish.

Formation - Examples

The element which encompasses any way in which the parish continues to spread the good news of Jesus and to bring others to God.

Evangelization

EVANGELIZATION – TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Jesus said to his apostles – "Go forth and make disciples of all nations".

Evangelization

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Our Parish Pastoral Council

Through the divine intercession of Our Lady,
Queen of the Holy Rosary, it is our mission to
spread the love of Jesus through the celebration
of Eucharist and to provide faith-based service
and enrichment. Our Faith is made of many
parts, but always one body in Christ. We began
as a Mission in 1948, evolved into a Parish in
1963, and continue to grow. All are welcomed to
share their talents to spread the good news.

Our Mission Statement