

**St. Catherine of Genoa
Stewardship Commission Meeting
April 14, 2009**

Those present included Fr. Tim Seigel, Jill Hansen, Julie Carlson, Beth Gehringer, Jason Fletcher and Linda Dolder.

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Children's Stewardship Contest: Nine posters and, unfortunately, no essays had been submitted. After reviewing the posters the commission decided to honor all who submitted posters.

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Parish Stewardship Contest: Do we need to renew our membership in order to submit our entries for the contest? We contacted Bob Pfundstein by phone during the meeting and he suggested that we renew our membership.

There was some confusion over what was required to be submitted for both awards. We asked for clarification from Bob Pfundstein. Bob encouraged us to submit entries for both awards (Total Parish Stewardship Award and Yearly Parish Stewardship Commitment Renewal Brochure & Materials Award). We discussed whether or not we would have time to prepare the materials that need to accompany both applications. By entering the contest we could receive recognition from the ICSC and the diocese. This would also be a way to show the community and the rest of the parish that we are committed to stewardship. It will also be a way to network with other parishes and gain ideas for our parish. What we could do is submit an application for the "Brochure" award this year and work on the "Total Parish" award next year. Bob will be meeting with Father and Jill this Friday and they will discuss it further. Bob will bring submissions of other parishes that are shown on the ICSC website. After discussion we decided to submit applications for both awards. Linda and Beth will come in Saturday morning to help Jill get materials together for the applications that are due April 24th.

Diocesan Stewardship Planning: Father's letter will go out this week. Included with the letter will be the diocesan brochure. Father will announce the upcoming diocesan stewardship appeal during all masses this weekend. During the weekend of April 25th and 26th Father will highlight diocesan ministries during his homily. The Diocesan Stewardship Pledge weekend is May 2nd and 3rd. A member of the stewardship commission will be at each mass to instruct the ushers about the procedure for distributing and picking up the pledge cards. The stewardship commission member will drop off all pledge cards into the safe in the sacristy. The stewardship commission will get together on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. to open and organize the pledge cards. During the next three weekends we'll follow up on the amount and total pledges received in the bulletin and on a poster. Thank you cards will go out to those who pledged during the weeks of May 3rd, 10th and 17th. We'll follow up with non responders during the last week of May.

Parish Tithe: We discussed and decided on charities for our tithe for the next few months. May-Hope Haven, June-Relevant Radio, July-We Care Pregnancy Center, August-Deaf Apostolate.

Stewardship Education: We'll give Jenny Eide "prayers of the faithful" ideas with stewardship themes.

Father closed with a prayer.

The next meeting is May 12, 2009.

Submitted by
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