

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION AREAS OF CONCERN

All Commissions:

- collaborate with Pastoral Council, other Commissions and subcommittees to accomplish annual plan
- have an annual schedule that includes, in part, commission participation in the parish annual plan
- establish ministry area vision and evaluate it annually
- keep abreast of trends affecting ministry area(s)
- have a staff resource who is a member of the commission
- have a basic training component, which is the Training Manual.
- have specific training and knowledge base – examples are Catholic Church documents, parish policy, compendium of best practices.
- develop performance standards and tangible criteria for success to evaluate efforts.
- Maintain and improve communication goals and practices for effective intra-parish collaboration
- evaluate commission direction in light of Archdiocesan strategic plan
- evaluate sharing resources with other ministries/parishes where possible
- submit summary of ministry area outcomes for inclusion in Annual Report to parish.

Parish Life, specifically, is concerned with:

- Welcoming philosophy
- 'Best practices' in welcoming and hospitality
- Determinants of a strong parish community
- Gift Discovery
- Stewardship Education (focusing on time and talent)
- Ministry Fair Coordination
- Engaging new parishioners
- Outreach to and Engaging inactive parishioners
- Welcome Center
- Recognition of Active Parishioners
- Working with Worship on liturgy greeters
- Welcome Dinners and/or events
- Parish Orientation
- Database utilization for parishioner involvement
- Social Events/Community Events
- Parish and non-parish organizations and clubs
- Involvement for all ages and stages of life
- Whole family activities
- Dining Hall and Facility Usage