

Apostolate Committee

The Parish as a COMMUNITY [PRM p. 10]

- **How would you describe the parish's effort to WELCOME all people into the life and ministry of the parish?**
- **The parish has an organized welcoming program for new members. 1**

Yes. We have a tradition of making the parish members aware of the visitors and newcomers celebrating the Eucharist with us, reporting to the parish on our Evangelization programs, and soliciting volunteers for the welcoming ministry. Our welcoming ministry maintains a 'guest book' in the lobby encouraging visitors at wedding, funerals, and all liturgies to sign their names and provide their address. We use the phone and mail to welcome new parishioners at their home; and host coffee and pastries receptions after Mass and at special events such as Confirmation, the Healing Mass, Anointing, and the feasts of Christ The King, Holy Family, and World Marriage Day. Both Ushers and Greeters welcome the incoming and departing congregation. We encourage people to be apostolic in reaching out to less known and less active family members and to neighbors. We encourage all to introduce each other by name before and after Mass and we leave to the personal initiative and efforts of our parishioners the mission to befriend, to welcome, to accompany to our liturgies, to evangelize and support both non-parishioners and inactive parishioners.

- **Our proselytizing, reaching out, welcoming and supporting of our potential and real parishioners thus far has taken the following forms:**

- **Welcoming New Parishioners. 1**

When new applicants respond by contacting us, our welcoming program consists of at least one hour of personal introduction to the Parish by the Pastor at the Rectory and we arrange for a meeting with the CCD Coordinators.

All new parishioners receive an information kit containing: a) a parish registration form; b) an updated parish list; c) two stewardship registration forms; d) an updated listing of all our parish stewards grouped according to their choice of activity; e) a listing of the basic schedules, names & phone numbers for the various parish ministries & services; f) a parish map; g) the history of the Church; h) the latest annual parish calendar of events; i) the CCD schedule of events; j) a copy of our Parish Resource Manual; k) a written explanation for each of our programs, services and PR events; l) an invitation to join those organizations, ministries & services; m) charts on our parish life; n) recent samples of parish monthly and weekly bulletins; and o) a copy of the most recent parish Photo Directory to ease the introduction to parish members.

- **Welcoming & Supporting Through our Liturgies and Prayers. 1**

The pastor greets and welcomes the congregation before and after each liturgy. At Mass, he also greets after the processional hymns. At special liturgies, he greets after the rite of reconciliation or before the homily.

All recently departed parishioners are remembered in a special prayer.

At the 'petitions' all may and do publicly pray for themselves, for relatives, for the other parishioners, and for visitors and their concerns.

Our 11 AM Sunday Mass is offered for all our parishioners.

Visitors and parish households are invited to participate in the offertory processions.

At the administration of the Baptism, the relatives of the candidate are recognized before, during, and after Mass.

As a form of welcoming and support, we have promoted and 'prayer partners'.

Through public and private prayers conducted in Church, at the rectory, at home or at the hospital, we celebrate with prayer and blessings special personal and family events like:

- a) pregnancies,
- b) births of children,
- c) wedding anniversaries,
- d) anticipated hospitalizations,
- e) graduations,
- f) promotions,
- g) engagements.

Throughout the liturgical year we re-commission and publicly acknowledge parishioners like:

- a) RCIA candidates,

b) candidates to sacraments,

c) various groups of ministers, the leaders of our organizations, services, and councils.

Parishioners write out, and we keep on the altar, the names of their departed friends and relatives during the annual novena of the faithful departed.

At Christmas, the worshipers write their petitions and hang them on the Christmas tree.

- **Welcoming & Supporting by Organizing, Running & Attending Meetings. 2**

In the spirit of welcoming and supporting each other, the Pastor attends all the meetings. We promote and participate in the following meetings:

the monthly meetings of the CCD teachers,

the CCD teachers, the parents, and the candidates involved in sacramental programs,

the meetings between the pastor and the applicants [or their households] before the administration of any new Sacrament,

the monthly meetings of the Guild and Men's club,

and the preparatory meetings for the annual parish festival.

- **Welcoming & Supporting Through Visitations. 1**

Our Eucharistic ministers, Guild members, the teachers, and CCD students visit the homes of our shut-ins to bring the Eucharist, donate gifts, help around the house; and annually go caroling and distributing gifts at the VA Hospital and at area nursing homes. The pastor visits to bless the home of the parishioners and to minister to the hospitalized, the shut-ins, and the bereaved. He celebrates home-Masses.

- **Welcoming & Supporting Through Phone & Mailing. 1**

We use phone calls and greeting cards to welcome, support, and touch each other's lives. The pastor sends cards to the parishioners in thanksgiving for special forms of stewardship, for all our adults' birthdays, and anniversaries. Cards are also sent by the Guild to new parents, to the hospitalized, and to bereaved families as a sign of condolence. A representative of the Guild contacts by mail the parishioners experiencing special moments in their life like parish registration, birth of a child, hospitalization, illness, and funerals. The Guild welcomes all the women on Mothers' day and all the anointed people on Anointing Sunday with their special involvement in the liturgies. We publish the names of the newly registered parishioners, of the newly born, of the recently departed, of those who have celebrated some important events, and all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Specially prepared bi-annual bulletins are sent to the less active and the inactive Parishioners to keep them updated and to show our continued concern.

- **Welcoming & Supporting at Funerals. 1**

The pastor visits the family and parishioners join the pastor at the Funeral Home. This is followed by the celebration of a Funeral Mass and a luncheon reception provided by the Ladies Guild for the family of the deceased parishioner. Later, a commemorative Mass is celebrated. Our parishioners are annually involved in the novena of Masses for the faithful departed. This provides a spiritual link with the departed and an emotional support.

- **Welcoming & Supporting our People by organizing & running PR, Socials, Fund-raising, liturgical and Humanitarian events. 1**

All our programs are also supported to the degree that they promote among the new comers, the visitors and the parishioners the feeling of welcome, inclusion, belonging, and ownership. These include: our festivals, picnics, photo directories, pancakes brunches, mother-daughter gatherings, plays, games, parish cookbooks, plates and mugs, grandparents days, Christmas decorations, Church flowers and decorations, Passover meals, processions, recitation of the Rosary, birthday party of Jesus, the parties of the parish and of the parish associations, the distribution of updated parish lists, and the bulletins. It is our tradition for the parish members to bring garden produce for the taking, and our rectory grapes are free to all.

- **Welcoming & Supporting our Community Through Expressions of Thanksgiving. 1**

We celebrate parish thanksgiving dinners after concluding major projects. We host parish-wide Christmas banquets, banquets for our CCD teachers, for the members of our organizations, and the RCIA. We publish "Good Deeds/Thank You" statements in our weekly bulletins for the unusual services our people have rendered. We use the annual feasts of 'Stewardship' and 'Thanksgiving' to list and to preach about some of the more significant contributions made by our parishioners during the past year. We maintain a parish-wide chain phone campaign to support those parishioners who have been requesting special prayers or are experiencing setbacks.

Our style of running the Parish exclusively through personal stewardship, whereby every parishioner serves and depends on the collaborative service of every other parishioner in running our parish, is our most obvious opportunity to welcome, come to know and trust each other, and provide mutual support. Parish stewardship makes everyone of us mutually obligated and grateful as we both give and receive service.

When invited, the pastor attends the social events organized by the families celebrating Baptisms, 1st Confessions, 1st Communions,

Confirmations, weddings, and funeral receptions.

- **Parishioners with disabilities are included in every aspect of parish life and ministry. 1**

The Rectory, the Church, CCD rooms, and the Festival facilities were made accessible to handicapped in 1995. New pews with areas for wheelchairs were installed in 2004. We mail the weekly bulletin to the shut-ins and those who want to remain in contact with us. A growing number of handicapped from both the parish and beyond use our facilities on a regular basis.

Consideration for Ministry to and with persons with disabilities

Personnel:

- **The parish has a parish advocate for persons with disabilities.**

Yes.

- **A representative for persons with disabilities or a person with disabilities sits on the Parish Council.**

Yes. A teacher of youth with special needs is a member of the Parish Council.

- **The professional staff of the parish is open to inclusion of persons with disabilities in all areas of parish life.**

We have one part-time staff member.

- **Special religious catechists and regular catechists are properly prepared regarding children with special needs.**

Yes.

Scheduling:

- **Persons with disabilities are offered transportation to Church functions.**

Yes, as requested.

- **When Church functions are scheduled, accessibility for all parishioners is considered.**

Yes, we have a lift for disabled parishioners.

Programming:

- **All sacramental programs are accessible to children and adults with disabilities.**

Yes.

- **Adults with disabilities are included in the RCIA.**

Yes.

- **The parish advocate is included in the programming and scheduling of events.**

Yes.

- **There are programs of inclusion in all school and CCD programs and in adult education programs.**

Yes.

- **All parish organizations and ministries become inclusive for people with disabilities.**

Yes.

Facilities:

- **All buildings of the parish are accessible; Church, rectory convent, school, hall.**

Yes.

- **Restrooms in the Church and parish hall are accessible. Accessibility includes ramps, large print or Braille materials, amplification of phones, loop systems.**

Yes.

- **The elderly are involved in publicly visible roles for the parish. 1**

We offer opportunities to any elderly parishioner to serve in any form of parish leadership, ministry and service. We are blessed with the participation, service, and ministry of very reliable elderly parishioners.

- **Adolescents and young adults are actively enlisted to be involved in the parish. 2**

After Confirmation, every youth is publicly and privately encouraged, to become a member of any parish ministry and service. The

involvement of teens has been limited in both number and forms. Many teenagers have shown signs of self-consciousness about remaining altar servers. As a way of correcting that practice, we have tried to have adult family members serving at the altar on the occasion of the annual Masses run by the younger CCD children and when we commission the Men's club and Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Readers. When possible, an entire family is invited to serve as a group for the recitation of the Rosary and the practice of the Stations of the Cross.

- **Persons of all races are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministry of the parish. 1**

Yes. The members of our parish are ninety-five percent Caucasians. African Priests, nuns and a black-American Bishop have enjoyed their visits with us, but there are few people of color residing in this area. Several Hispanic families belong to our parish and are active in parish life and ministries.

- **All approved liturgical roles are open to both men and women. 1**

At the present time, we have more women than men as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, welcoming members, cantors, and choir members. The ushers are presently all male, but women and children act as ushers at special Masses and are encouraged to become ushers and greeters.

How would you describe the parish efforts in Evangelization? [PRM p. 10]

- **Parishioners see it as their personal responsibility to invite others to the Lord and to the believing community. 2**

Some parishioners have steadily kept bringing a number of people [spouses, neighbors, relatives, and friends] to the parish, to the sacraments, to the annulment process, and to the RCIA.

A parishioner has taken upon herself the initiative to distribute our bulletin to the area un-churched.

We provide a formal Guest Book in the Church lobby for visitors. We provide an outreach card in the Church pews to provide a check-off request for: parish and CCD registration, request for RCIA enrollment, confirmation, baptism, house blessings, and information about the Faith.

We mail to potential applicants invitations, schedules, and maps.

Several times a year, an entire homily and part of the weekly bulletin urges parishioners to become evangelizers.

- **The parish has a person or committee which addresses itself to ministry to the un-churched and to the inactive Catholic. 2**

This ministry is coordinated annually by the Pastor through parish-wide mailings.

We mail these letters:

to all the residents of our parish area's mail routes inviting the inactive and less active Catholics to parish life,

to the adult parishioners who were never completely initiated through Baptism, Communion or Confirmation,

to Catholic couples who live without the benefit of the sacramental marriage,

to the non-Catholic spouses who are regularly attending our liturgical services,

to the non-registered Catholics who are attending no Church, and to non-Catholics who show an interest in our Faith.

In 2004, the mailing was the 30th anniversary Memories booklet written by the parish members.

- **The parish regularly sponsors formal evangelization programs such as "Visitors Sunday," "Open House," and "Come home for Christmas." 1**

Since 1985, we have steadily made our Church more visible and appealing in a number of ways. We have advertised its presence through numerous highway signs. Before Christmas and Easter we set in front of the Church a large special sign: "Come home for Christmas/Easter". We accompany that announcement with appropriate bulletin invitations to evangelization & self-evangelization. A number of bulletin notices and homilies welcome visitors and encourage everyone to bring relatives, friends and neighbors to Church, to the RCIA, to Confession, sacramental marriage, to contact the Rectory, etc.

We have created a good support & PR link with some of the area Campgrounds. Each Spring, the parish Mass schedule is posted: at Moraine State Park for the cabin renters, at two area motels, and five local campgrounds.

The pastor celebrates Mass each Saturday during the summer season for the resident campers at Moraine Campgrounds.

As the unofficial Catholic chaplain of Moraine State Park, the pastor blesses the fleet at the annual Regatta event.

- **The parish has an accurate, up-to-date census of the total parish: 1**

We use all our various phone campaigns, Parish Share, Building Fund pledges, distribution of the annual contributions reports, birthdays and anniversary mailings, and fund-raisers by parish organizations to keep our records updated. The Parish Directory, often updated, is distributed annually to every household and it accurately reflects our actual membership. We maintain contact even with people who have left or dropped out of the involvement with the parish.

How would you describe the parish's ability to recognize the DIVERSITY OF TALENTS AND NEEDS of its people?

[PRM p. 10]

• **The parish consistently identifies the talents and interest of parishioners. 1**

At the time of registration, parishioners are invited to identify their preferred area ministries and services, their past and recent hobbies, their ministries and services exercised in their previous parishes. We periodically run a written campaign to update the same inquiry among the parishioners attending a weekend Mass. A publication is then distributed to everyone with the alphabetical listing of all the members of our parish stewardships. The weekly Bulletin's flag lists the names and phone numbers for the different forms of area support organizations. Through the bulletin and through the initiative of our Parishioners we often further invite all our readers to take responsibility for newly emerging area needs. New Church- conducted writing campaigns of stewardship allow the 'burned out' parishioners to discontinue a service or to switch to new ones.

• **Parish organizations regularly invite new people to participate in their activities. 2**

Throughout the year, our bulletin carries repeated invitations for people to join the various ministries. The Ladies' Guild provides a yearly campaign of recruitment in the bulletin on the occasion of Mothers' Day. The Men's Club [and every other form of service, ministry, etc.] at times tries to do the same on their feast/commissioning day.

• **As parishioners grow older or develop new interests, they are supported in changing their parish involvement. 2**

Parishioners feel free to pursue new interests or to switch to new areas of stewardship. In 1987, we had initiated a senior club. But, for lack of sufficient local potential membership this organization moved and is presently very prosperous as the senior citizen group of St. Paul, Butler.

• **The parish is able to identify the changing needs of parishioners. 1**

Being a small community with limited membership and resources, we cannot provide all the services available in larger Churches. The parishioners have, and have had opportunities to identify their changing needs and have them discussed both privately and through the Parish committees or PPC. We try to assure maximum membership and support for the stewardship that are most essential for the life of the parish community, to the point of sacrificing, if needed, less essential projects to them. A group initiated a Vacation Bible school in 2004. Recently, several families have begun the Family Consecration program.

• **Parishioners are encouraged to use their talents for the good of the parish. 1**

Every confirmed parishioner has repeated opportunities to indicate, offer and have their talents used. Their 1st opportunity is the stewardship survey people face at registration. Bulletin announcements continuously invite parishioners to fill needs in ministries and services. The repeated emphasis on offering to God and to the Church our talents, time treasures has made most people aware of their many possibilities and obligations. A Parish like ours is totally dependent upon stewardship for its very existence.

• **The parish sponsors programs for the promotion of vocation awareness on a regular basis. 1**

That is done primarily through periodic homilies, petitions during the prayers of the faithful, and bulletin articles mainly on the occasion of diocesan assigned vocation days and on Holy Thursdays.

• **The parish has enough registered members to sponsor needed programs and activities. 1**

Given our small size as a congregation, and the number of people attending Church on a regular basis, we have many ministers, teachers, and volunteers. We continue recruiting since we could always use many more stewards in every form of parish ministry and service. We will never have enough workers for our vineyard. One of our goals is to convince everyone that every confirmed parishioner [and most children] should be involved and are accepted in as many forms of parish stewardship as possible.

The Parish as a COMMUNITY OF SERVICE: [PRM p. 29]

• **How would you describe the degree to which the parish reaches out to its OWN MEMBERS who are in need?**

• **Someone (e.g., a parish social service minister) or some group (e.g., St. Vincent de Paul, Ladies of Charity) assists parishioners in meeting material needs. 1**

The pastor attends to this need. Since 1988 we have created and variously re-named a St. Christopher's Fund Account enriched by anonymous donations through individuals and the poor box. We have also initiated a collection for this cause every 5th weekend of the month. The Pastor distributes the funds to known old cases and to highway beggars. For new, larger needs the pastor sends the local members of the St. Vincent de Paul to visit and report before initiating contributions. The Ladies Guild and the CCD Youth run food

collections for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The parish provides (e.g. peer-to-peer ministry) for those with special needs (e. g. newly married, single parents, elderly, bereaved, new parents, separated/divorced, unemployed, chemically dependent), either on its own or as part of a cluster. 1

Our Baptismal Ministers have always been assigned to provide a moral, social and spiritual periodic contact/support for our new parents. We maintain contact with the new parents through the Baptismal ministers.

We have recently re-instituted our coordinator for the bereaved.

We follow the married couples through the Marriage encounter & Retrouvaille.

The pastor ministers to all the other cases with frequent referral of more complex cases to Butler and Cranberry Townships specialized support, counseling and financial organizations.

- **Parishioners respond when invited to volunteer for various parish service programs. 1**

A remarkably large number of parishioners have and continue to respond to our various forms of stewardship. Except for our part-time secretary, every operation of the parish continues to be done by the Pastor supported by the parishioners as sole stewards.

- **The parish is sensitive to the needs of families when it schedules ministries, programs and events. 1**

Given the complexity of the family involvement in our society, it is difficult for our CCD, Councils, ministries, and association's coordinators to resolve all the scheduling conflicts, but they work hard to accommodate the needs of the parish with the schedules of our families.

- **Awareness of social issues is raised through homilies, formal discussions of encyclicals/pastoral letters. 2**

The entire text of most Papal homilies, encyclicals, US Bishop conference documents, etc. have been attached to the bulletin, or made available in the lobby for everyone, and several times those documents were the topic of the weekend homily. A common complaint is that those official documents are difficult to read.

How well does the parish participate in service to the COMMUNITY BEYOND THE PARISH? [PRM p. 29]

- **The parish opens its facilities to community groups for meetings (e.g., Drug, Alcoholics Anonymous). 2**

In 2002, we sponsored a community meeting regarding the area heroin epidemic. We are not sufficiently centrally located to attract the attention of groups. Some have appealed to us in order to use our facilities only to cancel the meetings when they realized that there are not enough area members interested.

- **The parish sponsors or supports local food banks, blood drives, resale shops, group homes. 2**

We conduct annual clothing collections for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We continue to encourage parishioners to initiate collections and bring goods to the appropriate outlets. Parishioners help in area monthly food drives. Our parish food drives are conducted for the Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts.

- **Parishioners are encouraged to be active in local school boards, community groups, service centers, hospitals. 2**

We advertise and welcome training, presentations, recruitment of volunteer workers for hospital ministries, work among the handicapped, Nursing Homes. Some parishioners are active members of the local school boards and some have been elected to political offices.

- **The parish participates in local ecumenical activities (e.g., ministerial associations, seasonal services). 1**

Our parish has always advertised, urged the parishioners to participate, and the pastor and some parishioners have always been part of the area Ecumenical services. On the evening of the 9-11 attack, our parish invited all area residents to attend the special service of our parish. Our pastor joined area clergy of many denominations at a community prayer gathering several days after the 9-11 attack. We continue to send and receive invitations and participate in social events of the area Churches such as the installation of ministers and the dedication of facilities. We welcome the area non-Catholics at all our events.

- **The parish reaches out to those who are in institutions (e.g., nursing homes, hospitals, colleges, prisons) within the parish's boundaries. 1**

We do not have any of those institutions within our parish boundaries, but the pastor visits those parishioners who are in jail, mental hospitals, nursing homes, and when possible, even in far away hospitals. The CCD students at Christmas, Guild members and other individual parishioners also visit area nursing homes.

How would you describe the extent of parish involvement in service to the larger world and/or in more GLOBAL ISSUES? [PRM p. 29]

- **Parishioners respond generously to diocesan and national appeals for aid to the poor and needy. 1**

Parishioners have been generous for the Christmas and St. Anthony's School collections, and disaster-relief appeals.

- **Parishioners participate in peace and justice activities, pro-life activities, voter registration drives, letter writing campaigns, sponsoring missionaries. 1**

Literature on these subjects continues to be distributed, voter registrations take place outside the Church but in our facilities, articles appear in the Bulletin and topics are discussed in homilies. Pastor and parishioners work along those lines on a personal basis including work and research in the Mission territories, writing of articles for mass media, lectures outside the parish at universities, diocesan association, parishes, annual march on Washington, etc.

- **The parish calls attention to important local, state, and federal legislation in light of Catholic social teaching. 1**

Crucial issues are periodically documented, discussed and attached to our bulletin.

Considerations for Revitalizing Social Ministry in the Parish [PRM p. 30]

- **As our diocese moves toward a revitalization of the life of its parishes, consideration needs to be given to social ministry. The following overview represents some aspects to consider in the process of **clustering** social ministry programs of several parishes, or of the revitalization of programs in a single parish.**
- **This overview is intended to be an aid in discussions by parish staffs and apostolate committees of parish pastoral councils. It is the apostolate committee/social concerns committee that can serve as the "umbrella" under which would flow all the activities / programs / services of a social ministry nature.**

Personnel: [PRM p. 30]

- **Any of all of the following staff positions could aid in furthering social ministry in the parish. Which of the following staff positions (paid or volunteer) exist in your parish?**

- **parish social minister:**

No.

- **parish nurse**

We do not have a parish nurse as such, but several parishioners with professional medical and nursing credentials represent our medical staff.

- **family minister/family advocate**

No.

- **youth minister**

No.

- **director of religious education**

Yes.

- **minister of music**

Yes.

- **pastoral associate**

Yes.

- **professional counselor**

Yes.

- **parish advocate for persons with disabilities:**

Yes.

Apostolate/Social Concerns Committee [PRM p. 30]

- **The apostolate/social concerns committee can have three specific functions. It can help to advocate for people, convene, educate people, or provide a service to people. In light of that, which of the following activities/programs/services does your parish have in place?**

Advocacy: [PRM p. 30]

- **public policy/current legislation awareness**

None.

- **respect life committees (public policy advocacy)**

None.

Convening/EducationSupport Groups: [PRM p. 30]

- **separated and divorced**

We refer interested parties to Retrouvaille, Catholic Charities & larger parishes.

- **bereavement**

We have an advocate.

Widows/widowers

No.

- **marriage ministry (comprehensive)**

No.

- **natural family planning programs**

No.

- **single parents**

No.

- **youth ministry**

No.

- **senior citizens group**

No.

- **education/awareness raising on spectrum of social concerns issues**

No.

- **pro-life issues; abortion; infanticide; euthanasia**

A pro-life group of volunteers currently exists within the parish and attends to the distribution of literature, the pro-life chain, the march in Washington each February, etc.

- **family life renewal team information**

The parish has a Family Consecration Program.

Service: [PRM p. 31]

- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

No.

- **Ladies of Charity**

No.

- **Women's guild/Christian Mothers**

Yes.

- **Men's club/Holy Name Society**

Yes.

- **Food bank/food share/food pantry**

Yes. Drives are held for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- **Scouting program**

Yes. Local Catholic scouting organizations operate in our area. We have parish coordinators for scouting.

- **Parish disaster relief worker/committee**

No.

- **Global Horizons (youth ministry/justice and peace) N/A**

No.

- **Visits to social institutions (nursing homes, etc.)**

None exist in our area. The pastor and representatives from the parish visit shut-ins, VA patients, soup kitchen and nursing home patients, and bring supplies.

- **Meals on Wheels**

Yes. The Guild members provide goods for the local program.

- **Refugee resettlement (parish partnerships)**

None currently exists within the parish.

Welcome committees

Yes.

- **One Church/One Child**

No.

- **Programs for unemployed/under-employed**

No.

Some programs do not fit easily into one category or another, rather they may apply to two or more categories, such as the following:

- **Family life renewal team**

The parish encourages couples to attend marriage encounter weekends. The Family Consecration Program was initiated in 2004.

- **Justice and peace committee (human dignity, racial equality, etc.)**

None currently exist within the parish.

- **ministry to persons with AIDS and to their families –**

None currently exist within the parish.

- **special housing programs (high rises for elderly, etc.) N/A**

None currently exist within the parish.

- **single adult groups**

All interested parties are referred to local organizations in Pgh, Butler and New Castle.

- **ministry for aging**

A group was begun within the parish; however, due to lack of participation, the group relocated to Butler. We are in contact with the Ellwood city office. Our elderly are involved and help local associations for elderly

- **elderly outreach**

None currently exist within the parish; however, referrals are made to Catholic Charities of Ellwood City & Butler.

- **Christian Family Movement**

None.

- **twinning programs with other parishes**

None currently exist within the parish.

Training Opportunities

- The parish has participated in the following training opportunities offered by Catholic Charities:

At the parish level [PRM p. 32]

- training for ministry to the elderly

Yes

- training for pastoral visitation to the homebound:

Yes, through the Ellwood City office

- training for hospital ministry

Yes.

- training for refugee sponsorship

None currently exists within the parish.

- training for bereavement ministry

Currently starting it again.

- training for formation of social concerns/apostolate committees

None currently exist within the parish.

- training for leadership development

The Pastor has attended all the meetings/trainings available in this field.

- training for volunteer recruitment

None currently exist within the parish. Pastor has attended all the meetings/trainings available in this field.

For Resources on the above [PRM p. 33-44]