

# STEWARDSHIP CORE TEAM MINUTE

## November 21, 2009—AMENDED—12-5

Attendees: Fr. Kerry Beaulieu, Jennifer Clark, Dennis McGovern, Ralph Deppisch, Marge Shillington, Mary Lou Lester, and Joe Silviso

Absent Members: Bill Freitag and Doris Cortes

### I. Review Output of the OLQA Stewardship Renewal 2009

#### A. Commitment Card Response

1. 350 Commitment Cards returned as of November 19, 2009.
2. Children's response was excellent—teachers encouraged students to complete and return cards. **CHILDREN RESPONSES WERE CLOSE TO 200 OUT OF THE 350 RESPONSES**

#### B. Follow-up Actions

1. Thank you to all that returned cards to be in the Bulletin this week.
2. Thank you letter being sent around Thanksgiving to all that made a commitment.
3. Check with parishioners what they thought of the card and the Stewardship 2009 Renewal process.

#### C. Next Year

1. Add a list of OLQA ministries to back of the commitment card.
2. All ministry leaders encourage members to complete cards in advance and bring them to renewal Mass.

**II. Review Church Engagement Plan/2010 Plans.** The Stewardship Core Team is to acquire "Living Your Strengths." Its homework for the January meeting is for each team member to (1) complete the questionnaire in the book so we will receive the lists of our strengths from the publisher in time to bring to the January meeting, (2) review OLQA Stewardship Core Team Goals and Objectives (go to [www.olqa.org](http://www.olqa.org), on the home page click site map, then under Community Life click Stewardship Committee where you can find the goals and objectives), identify the number one goal from these three or add a new goal and be prepared to discuss the objectives to accomplish the goal. **AND (3) SEE NEW BUSINESS FOR RALPH'S SUGGESTION OF A NEW #1 GOAL FOR 2010 WITH A STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT.**

### III. Core Team Leadership

- A. Congratulations to 2010 Chair, Ralph Deppisch, and Co-Chair, Marge Shillington, and thank you to 2009 Chair Dennis McGovern.

- B. By-Laws and Goals & Objectives reviewed.
- C. Diocese Quarterly Stewardship meeting is a sharing of the stewardship challenges and successes by Orange County's parishes.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am until our next meeting January 16 at 9:15 am.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FOR "NEW BUSINESS"**

**--AFTER READING THE "ENGAGED BOOK" ONE COMMENT THAT STRUCK HOME TO ME WAS THE ACTIVE FOCUS THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON LONG ISLAND IS DEVELOPING AND LIVING OUT ITS MISSION STATEMENT----I KNOW AWHILE BACK MUCH EFFORT AND PRAYER WAS GIVEN TO CREATE THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT FOR OLQA—I AM SUGGESTING THAT WE RECOMMEND TO THE PARISH COUNCIL THAT WE REVISIT THIS MISSION STATEMENT AND BREAK IT INTO FOUR SEGMENTS AND MAKE EACH SEGMENT A QUARTERLY FOCUS FOR OLQA IN 2010 –I WOULD LIKE THIS MISSION STATEMENT TO "COME ALIVE" IN EVERYONE'S HEART.**

**--THE STEWARDSHIP CORE TEAM WOULD OFFER TO ASSIST THE PARISH COUNCIL BY TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THE MISSION STATEMENT "COME ALIVE" AND BY MAKING THE MISSION STATEMENT OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL IN 2010 AND CONSIDER BUILDING ON THE CONCEPT "BE THE CHURCH BUILD THE CHURCH" IN 2011 WHEN THE CHURCH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE ELEMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT/RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN FAMILY AND WITH CHURCH FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH THE FOCUS OF 2012 AFTER THE CHURCH IS BUILT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE QUESTIONS LIKE WHERE WAS I WHERE AM I NOW AND WHERE DO I WANT TO BE ?? PERHAPS CONSIDER SOME WAY TO USE THE "STRENGTHS BOOK" DURING THIS TIME.**

**--WE FINALIZE OUR PLAN AT THE JANUARY MEETING AND PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY.**

**--Parishes exist to spiritually transform individual lives –which then can transform the family, the community, the World-----**

**--COMMITMENT—PASSION—VISION---COMPETENCE—CONFIDENCE-  
COMPASSION—THESE ARE VERY POWERFUL WORDS TO MEDITAE ON AND HOW THESE WORDS CAN BECOME INTEGRATED IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES**