Diocesan Stewardship Commission

2003 Report: Submitted by Hal Culbertson

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Mission:

To enhance stewardship efforts of diocesan parishes through education, training and networking.

How is the program helpful to Christ's mission in our parishes and diocese?

The program seeks to inspire individuals and parishes in the diocese to seek deeper links between their relationship with Christ and their giving of time, talent and treasure.

Plans to involve parishes that do not participate in our programs.

The Commission invites parishes to participate in diocesan workshops and to have consultants contact them directly to offer services. The Commission is also developing stronger web based communication with parishes.

Current year program:

The main activity of the Commission was a set of stewardship presentations at the 3 cluster conferences organized by the Bishop in the spring. Consultants also continued to assist parishes as requested.

Plans for coming year:

The Commission plans to assist the Bishop in organizing a diocesan conference in the spring of 2004 which will incorporate a significant stewardship component, including a keynote speaker from the national office. The Commission will continue providing consultants as requested, maintaining contact and a subscription with TENS, sending the Vineyard to every parish, and training consultants.

Long Range Hopes and Plans:

To train new stewardship consultants and expand outreach to the diocese through workshops and consultation.

Budget Request for 2004:

I request that the budget for the Stewardship Commission be maintained at its current level. I would roughly estimate the following expenses:

Workshop/Conference	$2,000.00
TENS subscription	450.00
Consultant Training	2,000.00
Postage and Misc.	300.00
TOTAL	$4,750.00