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

Diocesan Stewardship Commission

2004 Report

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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 organizing a diocesan conference focusing on stewardship in the spring, which featured a presentation by Terry Parsons, who is in charge of stewardship at the national church office, and breakout sessions for different sized churches. 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 2005 which will incorporate a significant stewardship component. The Commission will continue providing consultants as requested, maintaining contact and a subscription with TENS, and training consultants. The Commission will also seek to foster communication among parishes in the diocese through a new email listserv.

Long Range Hopes and Plans:

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