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Pastoral Plan 2006

Preamble

Over the last six years, the new initiatives which have succeeded best in our parish, like the children's liturgy, the Friday School Mass, the sewing circle, the piety stall, the parish website and information line, preparation classes for baptism, first communion and confirmation, the Grow in Faith group, the hall bookings system, the monthly Mass prepared by young people, the annual social gathering, and so on, have been those where a person (lay or ordained) with a particular talent has offered to put that talent at the service of the parish community; sometimes gathering others to assist them.

Those initiatives that have been tried, even with outside assistance, as a centrally planned response to a reported need or lack, like Benediction, a finance committee, a crying room, a men's group (KSC) and a women's group (CWL), have failed or been only successful only in a qualified sense; the notable exception is the parish pastoral council itself.

Planning principle

It seems to us best, therefore, to operate not so much from the principle of looking for gaps and trying to fill them, as from the principle of calling parishioners (and clergy) to express their vocation by putting their talents and gifts at the service of the parish community, and offering encouragement and resources to turn ideas into action.

Plan

As members (lay and ordained) of the pastoral council we will continue to encourage our fellow parishioners to seek ways of putting their talents, gifts, and enthusiasm at the service of God and our parish community.

Guided by prayer, we will together seek to discern God's will for our parish, and provide from parish resources, whenever possible, what is needed to turn good ideas into concrete initiatives.

Notes The pastoral council election is due in June 2006. We consider that it would be useful to invite adult formation staff from the Diocesan Centre to assist the new pastoral council by providing an induction course. We recommend the new pastoral council to consider inviting parishioners to an open meeting so anyone with an interest can take part in discussions about the 2007 pastoral plan.

