

COMMUNICATING WITH PARISH STAFF AND COMMITTEES

Check with your parish leadership and get to know the people on staff. Ask them to give you an opportunity to meet with them and to see how the Stewardship Committee interacts with the parish system as a whole. You may also wish to invite members from other parish committees to visit your committee. Ask for the opportunity to attend other parish committee meetings to inform them about the Stewardship Committee. It is important to make as many parish connections as you can to share your ideas and to be clear about any expectations you might have of other committees to help you meet your goals. Be sure to send each committee regular updates as to the progress of the Stewardship Committee.

INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council members are key people that can help make or break your parish's Stewardship of Service effort. It is very important that the members of the Pastoral Council see how the vision, message, and practice of the Stewardship of Service supports what is already being done in the Parish.

Personally invite members of the Pastoral Council to be on the Stewardship Committee, or to visit your committee meetings. Ask the Pastoral Council if you can attend their meetings to keep them informed about the activities of the Stewardship Committee.

Be sure to keep the Pastoral Council updated on the activities of the Stewardship Committee. This communication can be in the form of emails, handouts, minutes, or a newsletter.

Make as many connections with the committee leadership in your parish as you can.