

Ideas You Can Use Parish Wide



Sharing Focus

- ❖ Develop a Wish List for all parish programs and publicize on a regular basis.
- ❖ Create a parish-based lending library/media center:
 - recruit, train and support volunteers to design, oversee, set-up, and manage a library/media center
 - invite donors to sponsor the purchase of books, media, supplies, materials, subscriptions, furniture, storage units, software tracking systems, etc.
 - sell books/media as a fundraiser-encourage folks to donate books/media back to the library as they finish reading/viewing
- ❖ Help build a school in the Dominican Republic sponsored by our own Green Bay Diocesan Mission. See enclosed letter and article.
- ❖ Order *The Little Blue Books* for the Advent 2005 season from the Diocese of Saginaw. These individual, inexpensive personal prayer booklets are growing in popularity nationwide. Consider “gifting” every parishioner with their own booklet this Advent. Quantity discounts available – combine orders with nearby parishes to cut costs. See www.saginaw.org home page for ordering information and quantity pricing discounts.
- ❖ Thomas Donovan has a FREE sample packet of vast and varied parish pledge cards available for your perusal. Kit includes background info and how-to helpful hints to consider while designing a version for use in your parish. Call Thomas at ext. 8286 or email tdonovan@gbdioc.org to request this FREE parish pledge card resource.
- ❖ Check out the Alternative Christmas Celebration options featured at www.simpleliving.org – a multitude of great ideas for use parish wide. The “*Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?*” 2005 booklets are now available (Catholic Version ID# XB05-CA-A). Quantity discounts available. Consider combining orders with a nearby parish for best prices.
- ❖ Sponsor an alternative Christmas shopping project in an effort to counter materialism and over-consumption. Two potential well-respected partners can be found at www.alternativegifts.org and www.heifer.org.