

Committees/Teams

It will be important to recruit active, committed, and passionate parishioners who will make this program successful. Everyone has skills they can share on one of the committees listed below. You will want to be sure the people you recruit are comfortable doing the work of the committee they serve. Each person's time commitment will vary depending on their committee. However, most work will be done in the fall, September through early November. Not all committees need to be large; in fact, some will function better with just a few members.

The Program has the strongest impact when there are a group of people focused on the activity in each of these areas. In some parishes committees/teams can be combined or the Finance Committee and/or Pastoral Council can take on these assignments. Determine what will work best for your Parish.

- **Lay Witness speakers:** These are parishioners who share their deep commitment to our Catholic church at the 3rd weekend Masses. They have an important role as peers talking to their peers, explaining why they give and how their gifts, collectively shared with others, provide the funds for the parish to not just survive but thrive. They emphasize the significance of generosity for themselves and for the parish.
- **Prayer Team:** This group prays for the success of the program, appoints someone to make sure the petitions are added to the Prayers of the Faithful each week, and considers having prayer cards in the pews. This could be an existing parish group – Altar Society, K of C, etc.
- **Print Team:** This is a group of volunteers who help print, mail the letters and prepare any printed materials.
- **Communication Team:** These volunteers make sure information goes into the bulletin and is posted on social media or any other media used regularly by the parish. A key resource for them will be the Bulletin inserts included in this booklet.
- **Calling Team:** This group calls those parish families who have not returned their pledge cards. Calling usually begins two weeks after “Commitment weekend.” Gather a list of individuals who have not returned their commitment card by a specific date. The calling team divides up the list and calls each household sharing the need for their participation.

This should be a respectful call as parishioners appreciate the reminder and enjoy talking to other parishioners. This personal contact reinforces the reality that we are a parish family taking care of our Catholic parish. This is also the time to ask if they have anyone or anything to add to the parish prayer list. You may also discover families who are no longer practicing Catholics and ask to be taken off the parish list. Although this is a sad reality, it does clean up the parish list.
