

# Stewardship & Evangelization Opportunities

Stewardship is a process whereby we return a portion of our Time, Talent and Treasure to God. It is done in the spirit of sacrifice to return to the Lord something that represents a true "Thank You" for all the many blessings God has given us. Stewardship helps our parishioners find a meaningful way to express their gratitude to God and at the same time support our parish community.

This list briefly describes the stewardship opportunities at Holy Infant Catholic Church. For more information, call the appropriate ministry coordinator listed.

## Councils

Those wishing to serve on either of the following councils must be a registered member of Holy Infant contributing Time, Talent and Treasure for at least one year.

### ■ Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council advises the pastor and staff. It helps formulate a parish vision, express parish concerns, and offer ideas for improvement and enrichment of parish life. The Council meets approximately four/five times a year on Saturday mornings. Additionally, Council members may be asked to serve on a sub-committee. Some "homework" may be required between meetings regarding issues brought before the Council. Council terms are for three years.

Contact: Donna Ryan ..... 493-1212

### ■ Parish Finance Council (PFC)

Council members advise the pastor on development and management of parish resources in order to judiciously carry out the parish's mission of spreading the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. Council members must have competence in financial affairs. The Council normally meets eight to ten times per year. Terms are for three years.

Contact: Imelda Tanuan ..... 321-1866

## Stewardship Commission

### STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELIZATION

Stewardship is as a way of life for any Christian. It demands a well thought out and committed amount of **Time, Talent and Treasure** (3T's). Our Stewardship Commission interprets this sharing of the 3T's by inviting each member of our parish community to especially welcome new members to our parish community, introduce new members to stewardship and reinforce the call of stewardship to the parish community.

Chairs: Chris Murray ..... 384-8333

### ■ Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee encourages all members, whether new or long-time, to participate in the social, spiritual, and liturgical life of Holy Infant. Events to enhance parish social life include: Registration/Orientation Events, parish picnics, holiday celebrations and similar events. Time commitment varies according to the activities scheduled. To help make these festivities fun and successful, volunteers are always welcome — and needed.

Contacts: Mary & Tom Kennerly ..... 484-1452

### ■ Registration/Orientation Events

The Registration/Orientation Events Committee welcomes all new parishioners and encourages them to participate in the life of the parish by contributing their Time, Talent and Treasure. The Committee sponsors Registration/Orientation Events every four weeks. These gatherings take place on a Sunday afternoon from 12:45pm until 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed for the following: set-up and clean up, food preparation, greeting new parishioners, and initial and follow-up contact.

Contact: Ursula McBride ..... 544-1253

## Once-a-Year Opportunities

### ■ Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

The BAA Committee organizes and coordinates the appeal annually. Each year our diocese sponsors the Bishop's Annual Appeal as a means for each Catholic to support the work of our diocesan Church. Volunteers are needed for this annual drive. The work of the committee is January thru April.

Contact: Lee Wilson ..... 401-1143

### ■ CROP Walk

CROP Walk is an annual event sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to combat world hunger and supply food to local organizations such as the Urban Ministries of Durham Dinners and Meals on Wheels. Parishioners can participate in CROP Walk by: 1) volunteering to walk the CROP Walk in March or April for eight kilometers (5 miles) or 2) sponsoring a walker by donating a specific amount of money for completing the walk. Money is no longer pledged per mile, but a flat amount is pledged for completing the walk. The walker's time commitment is approximately three hours on CROP Walk day and about three hours collecting sponsor monies.

Contact: Mark Saulter ..... 572-0571

### ■ Share Your Christmas

Share Your Christmas is a parish project designed to share the joy of Christmas with those in the Durham community who are in need. Names and gift suggestions are provided to the parish by Catholic Charities and Durham Social Services. In late November, participating parishioners select a name and purchase the gift. The wrapped gift is returned to the church during the first weekend of December. Committee members coordinate the project, make the gift tags, keep track of the gift buyers' names and phone numbers, and bundle the gifts for distribution. The primary time commitment for this project takes place from late November until early December.

Contact: Robin Bolte ..... 572-2995

## Weekly Opportunities

### ■ Collection Counters

Collection Counters tabulate weekly offertory and special collections. They work in teams of three or more. Those volunteering for this ministry must be a registered member of Holy Infant contributing Time, Talent and Treasure for at least six months.

Contact: Tammy Owens ..... 544-7135 ext. 17

### ■ Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is a support program for the Triangle community, especially those served by Baby Love and Catholic Charities. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food items and baby necessities to weekend liturgies and place them in the food basket in the Atrium.

#### Food Items needed:

Medium-size canned meats, fish, jellies, fruits, vegetables, soups, sauces, pasta (dinners), juices, boxed/canned milk, cereals, Jello, and cookies.

**Baby Items needed:**

Diapers, baby wipes, baby lotion, baby food (all stages) baby cereal and baby juices.

When purchasing food please avoid items that require additional ingredients (other than water as most recipients lack basic necessities such as eggs, milk, utensils, a range or refrigeration), jumbo-size items, or packaged items that are fragile, perishable or beyond expiration date.

**Contacts:** Grace Keller ..... 361-1239  
Alice McAndrew ..... 361-9004

■ **Office Volunteer (Weekdays)**

This person is available on a regular or as-needed basis to help with a variety of office duties such filing, photocopying, and preparing mailings.

**Contact:** Lynda Dean ..... 544-7135 ext. 10

# Faith Development Commission

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT & CATECHESIS

The Faith Development Commission helps to discern the faith development needs of Holy Infant parishioners at all stages of faith life. The purview of this commission is the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), all sacramental preparation, and faith formation of all members of Holy Infant community at every stage of Christian life.

**Chair:** Carol Owen ..... 544-2121

Contact for the following Faith Development Ministries is Lynn Sale unless otherwise specified.

**Lynn Sale** ..... 544-7135 ext. 18

■ **HI-life Gathering Team**

There are a variety of roles on the HI-life Gathering Team such as designing the gathering, planning the prayer and music components, and leading or assisting with learning sessions for various age groups. HI-life Gathering Team members serve at one or more gatherings and are expected to participate in the rehearsal/formation session prior to each HI-life gathering.

■ **HI-life Support Services**

HI-life requires the gifts of many people. In addition to leadership and catechetical roles, help is needed with communication, food coordination, registration, set-up, clean up, hospitality, etc.

■ **Catechist/Facilitator of Adults**

The catechist participates in HI-life preparation meetings to prepare for teaching or facilitating at the HI-life Gathering. Catechists for adults serve as members of the HI-life Gathering Team.

**Contact:** Carol Owen ..... 544-2121

■ **Catechist of Older Adolescents**

The TYM (Total Youth Ministry) catechist is responsible for preparing and leading youth sessions (grades 9-12) and activities. TYM youth meet on designated Sunday evenings in addition to the monthly HI-life gathering. Catechists/assistants help plan and implement regular social and service activities for TYM youth.

**Contact:** Joan Novak ..... 493-1774

■ **Catechist of Younger Adolescents**

The JYM (Junior Youth Ministry) catechist is responsible for preparing and leading sessions and activities for middle school youth in grades 6-8. JYM youth meet on designated Sunday evenings in addition to the monthly HI-life gathering. Catechists/assistants help plan and implement occasional social and service activities for JYM youth.

**Contact:** Lea Chiquito ..... 361-9595

■ **Catechist of Children**

The Children’s catechist is responsible for leading learning sessions for children (often accompanied by their parents) during the in-depth HI-life Gathering sessions and for other children’s faith development events. The catechist of young children is responsible for preparing and leading sessions for children ages three-five on designated Sunday mornings.

**Contact:** Tracy Gentry ..... 361-9593

■ **Landings Team Member**

The Landings Team Member helps facilitate a small group that assists returning Catholics in their journey back to the Church. A Landings series consists of 8–10 weekly meetings.

**Contact:** Jack Modrack ..... 489-5592

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

■ **Sponsor Couple Program**

The Sponsor Couple Program enables an engaged couple to share and learn from day-to-day experiences of a Christian married couple. As part of a couple-to-couple approach to marriage preparation, the Sponsor Couple encourages and supports the engaged couple in much the same way as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation.

**Contact:** Paul & Maria Feldman ..... 489-2869

■ **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Catechist**

The RCIA Catechist is part of a team that prepares and leads catechetical sessions in preparation for the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist. The catechist is expected to participate in planning meetings and formation sessions.

**Contact:** Patti Holland ..... 933-8405

■ **RCIA Sponsor**

The Sponsor walks with the RCIA candidate as a fellow Christian and source of support on his/her faith journey. The Sponsor spends time at catechetical sessions with the individual sponsored and introduces the candidate to the people of the parish and to various customs and traditions of our faith.

**Contact:** Amber Kleindienst Kirkley ..... 680-3953

■ **RCIA Hospitality Resource**

The Hospitality Resource person provides a snack for about 20 people once a month for RCIA sessions or other sacramental events. Just as the catechist provides refreshment for the soul, this person provides refreshment for the body.

**Contact:** Chris Smith ..... 544-6947

■ **Infant Baptism Preparation**

The Baptism Catechist is part of a team that leads preparation workshops for families seeking Baptism for their infants. These workshops are held every other month.

**Contact:** Cindy Vittitow ..... 544-6565

■ **Baptism Host**

The Baptism Host welcomes the family and offers assistance on the day of the child’s Baptism. The time commitment is approximately 30 minutes prior to a liturgy every other month.

■ **Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation**

The Catechist is part of a team that plans and leads sessions for candidates, parents and sponsors preparing to celebrate one of these sacraments.

**1st Reconciliation** ... Rosemary Somich ..... 401-0989

**1st Eucharist** ..... Diane Gerding ..... 544-3645

**Confirmation** ..... Eileen Duryea Marnell ..... 489-3772

# Liturgical Commission

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The purpose of the Liturgical Commission is to enrich and support the faith community of Holy Infant by acknowledging God's presence in the preparation and celebration of liturgical life in our parish. Commission membership consists of the coordinators of all liturgical ministers plus the parish clergy.

**Contact: Donna Ryan** ..... 493-1212

### Requirements for Liturgical Ministers

1. All liturgical ministers are required to participate in a once-a-year liturgical formation program.
2. In addition to the above annual general formation, ministers are strongly encouraged to attend training in their specific ministry.
3. Individuals are asked to pray and discern the one Liturgical Ministry in which they will serve the community. This applies to Altar Attendants, Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Hosts, Lectors and Music Ministers.

### ■ Altar Bread Bakers

Altar Bread Bakers bake the Eucharistic bread used at all weekend and holy day liturgies. A training session is provided, and each baker receives a copy of the parish Eucharistic bread recipe. The exact assignment frequency is determined by the number of bakers in the ministry. Normally, a baker is assigned about five times a year.

**Contact: Roberta Brave** ..... 544-0753

### ■ Art and Environment (A&E)

The A&E Committee is responsible for enhancing the visual atmosphere of the Church during the liturgical year. Individuals contribute their various talents: sewing and other crafts, gardening, flower arranging, drawing, designing, woodworking, lighting and the physical labor to prepare the worship space.

**Contact: Roberta Brave** ..... 544-0753

### ■ Altar Linen Caretakers

Altar Linen Caretakers wash and iron all linens used at liturgies and Baptisms. All linens must be picked up after the last Sunday liturgy and returned before the next weekend. Instructions are provided for the proper care of the linens. Caretakers work on their own time within limits. Only a few hours of time is required. Scheduling depends on the number of Caretakers.

**Contact: Pat McGinn** ..... 544-2898

Individuals may serve in only ONE of the following Liturgical Ministries:

### ■ Altar Attendants

Altar Attendants prepare the altar for the celebration of liturgy and assist the Presider during the liturgy. Anyone nine years of age or older that has celebrated 1st Eucharist is eligible and encouraged to be an Altar Attendant.

**Contact: John Price** ..... 489-0581

### ■ Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers join the Presider in distributing the Eucharist during liturgies.

**Contacts: Mary Farrington** ..... 401-3531

### ■ Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound bring the Eucharist and the Gospel message to the sick and homebound of our community each weekend. Frequency of ministry is dependent upon the number of Ministers and the number of homes to be visited.

**Contact: Tom Mack** ..... 387-0861

### ■ Greeters

Greeters, as ministers of welcome and hospitality, greet people entering the church, assist visitors, provide hymnals, take up the offertory collection and facilitate the Presentation of the Gifts. While going about their duties, they seek always to provide a welcoming presence and sense of hospitality.

**Contact: Debbie Winegar** ..... 678-0253

### ■ Hosts

Hosts help coordinate the liturgy. They welcome the assembly, acknowledge guests, make announcements, and move the liturgy along at its proper pace. Working with the Presider, they ensure that all ministers are present and that all is in readiness for the liturgy. Hosts assist the Greeters by welcoming people and assisting wherever needed. They also attend to any special liturgical needs that may arise. This ministry requires strong speaking skills and a welcoming, hospitable presence.

**Contact: Jackie Huvane** ..... 450-0423

### ■ Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God to the assembly. New lectors receive training in proclamation techniques, theological and liturgical foundations of the ministry, types of readings, and preparation methods. During special liturgical seasons, Lectors have opportunities to participate in dialogue and other innovative styles of proclamation.

**Contact: Lea Chiquito** ..... 361-9595

### ■ Music Ministers

The Music Ministry provides music for all parish events requiring musical support. It reinforces and enhances the sung prayer of the community and the ritual action of the liturgy. The goal of this ministry is to foster and encourage the full, conscious and active participation of the gathered assembly. Serving as a music minister requires a high degree of commitment: regular attendance at weekly rehearsals, service at a weekend liturgy and participation in at least one music workshop a year. For musicians not having the time to commit to weekly music ministry, it is possible to participate on a seasonal basis.

**Contact: Peggy Stevermer** ..... 544-7135 ext. 20

## Peace, Justice & Human Concerns Commission

### OUTREACH

The Peace, Justice and Human Concerns Commission works to promote awareness within the parish regarding social justice issues. It seeks to publicize opportunities for outreach activities, provide educational materials and make suggestions to the pastor concerning the disbursement of Charity and Justice Funds.

**Contact: Gail Spiridigliozzi** ..... 544-5665

### ■ Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate poor housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat homes are built by volunteers and the homeowner-to-be.

Holy Infant participates by assisting on organized workdays on an as-needed basis. No previous building experience is needed as there are tasks for all skill levels. Volunteers must be 16 years or older to be allowed on the work site. Holy Infant also supports Habitat by providing refreshments for special work events organized by Habitat for Humanity. An email with forthcoming opportunities is sent to interested parishioners on a regular basis.

**Contact: Kathy Bartlett** ..... 682-3288

### ■ Meals on Wheels

Volunteers deliver hot noonday meals (Monday through Friday) to southern Durham County residents unable to provide for themselves. Some volunteers work alone while many team with a partner. Typically, the route is completed in less than two hours. Most volunteers deliver one or two days a month.

**Contacts: Debbie Cornell** (Co-coordinator) ..... 361-9859

**Jeanne Feigler** (Coordinator) ..... 493-6950

## ■ Parish Mission Work in Guatemala

The purpose of the Holy Infant mission trip to Guatemala is to involve parishioners in the cross-cultural experience of working with and supporting our sisters and brothers in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. The trip is held annually and is open to all interested individuals.

Contact: Brent Heiser..... 361-5303

## ■ Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Committee mobilizes parish energies to work on behalf of life. This includes issues dealing with the sick and terminally ill, abortion, biotechnology, the elderly and the needs of families. The Committee coordinates seasonal events such as collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) after weekend liturgies, information dispersal, and similar activities. The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis.

Contact: Diane Gerding..... 544-3645

## ■ Urban Ministries of Durham Dinners

The Urban Ministries of Durham offers a variety of services to the homeless of the Durham community. Parishioners provide and/or serve the evening meal on the third Sunday of 10 months per year. A sign-up sheet is available in the atrium two weeks prior to the scheduled dinner, where parishioners volunteer to donate food items or prepare and serve the meal.

Contacts: Carol Ann Applegate..... 542-6793

Deb Lewis..... 544-6566

Gail Spiridigliozzi..... 544-5665

## ■ Yarn Ministry

The Yarn Ministry utilizes the traditional yarn arts of knitting and crocheting to provide gifts of handcrafted garments, blankets, and other useful items to those in need of physical and emotional comfort. Members are also committed to teaching others to knit and crochet as part of their monthly gatherings..

Contacts: Fran Kissell..... 493-8952

Donna Remington..... 490-1044

## Parish Life Commission

We are continually challenged as a faith community in our ministry to one another. The Commission faces this challenge by reflecting on the following questions:

1. How can we involve our parishioners more in the life and work of our faith community?
2. What new programs can this commission develop to bring new activities and events to our parish?

The answers to these questions drive the future direction of the Parish Life Commission.

Contact: Mark Donahue..... 401-0786

## ■ Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry is a group of single, married, and divorced people in their 20s and 30s who meet for spiritual enrichment, faith sharing and social activities. Young Adult Ministry serves and supports through participation in various ministries and outreach projects. Social activities include movie nights, plays, game nights, baseball and hockey games, brunches, dinners and similar pastimes.

Contacts: Jessica Harrell..... 419-1612

Susan Smith..... 698-8790

## ■ Funeral Reception Committee

The Funeral Reception Committee provides receptions following funerals for parishioners and their family members. Committee members provide the food. Three teams rotate depending on the time of the funeral and the type of reception requested. The time commitment required is one hour before the funeral to one hour after the reception, plus time to prepare food.

Contact: George & Pat McGinn..... 544-2898

## ■ Nursery Cooperative

The Nursery Cooperative provides a safe, supervised environment for children ages 12-36 months during the 8:30am Sunday liturgy. Registered parishioners interested in this service must be willing to take a turn staffing the nursery. The Diocese of Raleigh requires criminal background checks prior to admission into this ministry.

Contact: Rob & Jodi Fitch..... 572-8994

## ■ Parents' Morning Out (PMO)

Parents join together as a cooperative to provide care for their children while enabling mothers to enjoy some time off. PMO normally is held on Fridays from 9:00am to noon in a classroom at the church. Parents are asked to work two Fridays in each eight-week session. The Diocese of Raleigh requires criminal background checks prior to admission into this ministry.

Contacts: Karen Goldstein..... 403-5830

Presley Bright (Wait List Coordinator)..... 544-5020

## ■ Social Activities

There are several new and recurring social activities for parishioners. These include calendar events such as the Oktoberfest and golf outings as well as the Second Wind Club (formerly the over 50 group); which holds dinners and plans a variety of social activities. Activities will be advertised in the parish bulletin as well as appear on the parish bulletin board.

Contact: Mark Donahue..... 401-0786

## PRAYER LIFE

### ■ Centering Prayer Group

This group normally meets on a weekly basis. It is affiliated with the Triangle Contemplative Outreach.

Contact: Sue Modrak..... 489-5592

### ■ Prayer Network

Prayer Ministers pray for the needs of the community as expressed in prayer requests received by the Network Coordinator. Requests are passed on to the Network Captains who, in turn, pass the request to the Prayer Ministers. This ministry is coordinated primarily by phone and email.

Contacts: Betty Hirschauer..... 489-7941

Kathy Smith..... 493-2712

### ■ Servants of God Prayer Group

The prayer group normally meets two Saturday evenings of the month. They regularly attend charismatic conferences and work closely with diocesan charismatic activities.

Contact: Gregoria Acedo..... 493-0510

## Facilities Commission

This Commission has identified the need to address the issue of space both now and for the future of Holy Infant. Our parish community needs to be well grounded in a contemporary understanding of Church in all its dimensions since this affects liturgy, architecture, art and environment as well as the limitations of our present space.

Contact: Brandon James..... 379-0402

### ■ Maintenance Committee

Committee members volunteer their skills for parish maintenance projects and the repair/refurbishment of equipment and facilities. People with electrical, carpentry, plumbing, and other related skills are needed. Members are called for specific projects as needed, matching skills and project requirements. The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis several times a year.

Contact: Tom Mazzeo..... 490-0671