

October 27, 2006

TO: Pastors, Pastoral Coordinators, Campus Ministers, and Parish Council Leaders
RE: We Walk By Faith

Several of you have called with really good questions and we thought it important to get information to all parishes/campus ministries – not just the 20 “volunteers.” First of all, thank you for your thoughtful enthusiasm regarding this diocesan venture. Here are the answers to some questions:

1. Will Parishes/Campus Ministries other than the twenty who have volunteered for the study continue to implement their WWBF effort? YES
2. Will we be using the same survey as the 20 Parishes/Campus Ministries who have volunteered? YES, that is our plan.
3. Has a time line been established for the project in OTHER Parishes/Campus Ministries beyond those who will be visited in 2007? NO
4. Can we have a copy of the survey? See attachment.

We want to remind you that the survey is **part of** the assessment.

To assist in this process of renewal, the diocese has published the document, We Walk By Faith, which sets forth the essential values for renewal and a number of questions for reflection under the general categories of Word, Worship, Community and Service...Prior to my pastoral visit, the parish/campus ministry community is to complete a “self-assessment” report addressing the questions in the document, We Walk By Faith. In addition, parishioners are to complete this survey. The results of the survey will be tabulated and summarized as **part of** the parish/campus ministry “self-assessment” report.

Taken from Bishop DiLorenzo’s letter on page 1 of the survey

Here is some more information you may find helpful:

- Eventually we will need to know the combined number of adult parishioners attending all your liturgies on an average weekend. Consider all adults and those teens that are Confirmed in your head-count. It is very important that

you order your surveys from the diocese. The survey form needs to be compatible with the scanner.

- Once the survey has been taken, return the completed forms to the diocesan offices for scanning as soon as possible...Each individual survey will have a barcode that identifies a specific parish/campus ministry. With the technological equipment that has been assembled, the returned surveys will be scanned and the data will be tallied and reported to you both as raw data as well as by percentages. We also have the capacity to save all the answers to the open-ended questions and send them to you on a disc.
- The parish/campus will also receive the survey results in EXCELL format. It will be important for you to identify a parishioner familiar with EXCELL, who, when using some identified queries, can produce graphs and extract relevant information for your parish/campus ministry use (e.g. the number/percentage of women between the ages of 18 and 35 who strongly agree that the parish/campus ministry participates in inter-faith programs).
- There is a script for parish/campus use when you administer the survey.

Finally, we have heard about many creative educational processes that are being used at various Parishes/Campus Ministries. In order to help each other and to share ideas, please forward us copies of your work so that it might possibly be included on the diocesan website, in an area pertaining to the *We Walk by Faith* program.

Again, thank you. Let us continue our walk in faith.

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